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TMA: Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges

Length: 0.17 mi. **Width:** Dual Track

Class: Primitive Roads

Use Level: Reclaiming

Route Type(s): Connector

Surface: None identified by IDT

Maintained: None identified by IDT

Origin: None identified by IDT

Constructed: None identified by IDT

Jurisdictions: BLM

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:

- either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? **NO**
- provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? **YES**
- provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? **NO**
- exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? **NO**
- provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? **NO**

Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?

YES

Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:

- State or Federal special status species or their habitat? **YES**
- cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? **YES**
- any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? **YES**
- any other resources of concern? **YES**

Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?

YES

Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?

NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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

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

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

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

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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

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

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

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Resource and Use Issues

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

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Blackbrush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep yearlong habitat In Desert bighorn sheep lambing area
Special Status Plants	In Navajo sedge potential geology In Jones cycladenia modeled potential habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive Soil - Moderate Potential Within of Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
Resource Issues	In Route Proliferation

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

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Route Designation: Open</p> <p>Specific designations by user type:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">OHV Public: <u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Open</u> - The public may use this route by all motorized modes of transportation, year-round.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Non-motorized Public: The public may use this route by all non-motorized modes of transportation, year-round.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Authorized/Permitted Users: Authorized users may use this route by all modes of transportation, year-round. <i>Additional users may be authorized by the BLM through future authorizations.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Administrative/Official Users: All Federal, State and Local agencies may use this route by all modes of transportation, year-round.</p>
Alternative B
<p>Comprehensive Designation: CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p>OHV Public: Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Closed</p> <p>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. By closing the route, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character and impairment of wilderness suitability would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.</p> <p>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues: (no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p>Closure Method: Sign Closed; Natural rehabilitation</p>

Alternative C

Comprehensive Designation:

CLOSED

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OHV Public: Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Closed

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Alternative D

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