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<b>TMA:</b>	Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges	<b>Route Name:</b>	Crystal Geyser Trail
<b>Length:</b> 1.14 mi.	<b>Width:</b> Dual Track	<b>Class:</b>	Primitive Roads
<b>Route Type(s):</b>	Connector	<b>Use Level:</b>	Medium
<b>Surface:</b>	None identified by IDT	<b>Maintained:</b>	None identified by IDT
<b>Origin:</b>	None identified by IDT	<b>Constructed:</b>	None identified by IDT
<b>Jurisdictions:</b>	BLM		

**Additional Information:** None.

## General Evaluation Questions

<b>Does this route:</b>	
• 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?	YES
• 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
<b>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?</b>	YES
<b>Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:</b>	
• 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
<b>Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?</b>	YES
<b>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?</b>	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
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (UTU 92096 - Dust collection study for USGS) Commercial Rec Permit (SRP) Other Rec Permit (SRP)
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
Range Facilities	Dam/Reservoir

#### **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
Recreation Destination	Jeep Safari Trail System
Activities	Motorcycling Jeeping/4-Wheeling Scenic Driving Special Recreation Permits 4WD Organized Event
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV/ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

#### **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 Salt Desert Shrub
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep yearlong habitat In Pronghorn crucial fawning range Leads to Desert bighorn sheep lambing area (High-use area)
Special Status Plants	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 In Recreation Management Zone
Water Resources	Crosses Ephemeral stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive Soil - Moderate Potential
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)

##### Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

##### Route Designation:

Open

##### Specific designations by user type:

**OHV Public:** **Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Open** - The public may use this route by all motorized modes of transportation, year-round.

**Non-motorized Public:** The public may use this route by all non-motorized modes of transportation, year-round.

**Authorized/Permitted Users:** Authorized users may use this route by all modes of transportation, year-round.  
*Additional users may be authorized by the BLM through future authorizations.*

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## Alternative B

### Comprehensive Designation:

OPEN

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### Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 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.

**How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:** This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

### Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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

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

## Alternative C

### Comprehensive Designation:

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## Alternative D

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