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TMA:	Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges	Route Name:	Moab Canyon Bike Path
Length: 5.47 mi.	Width: Multi-Lane	Class:	Trails
Route Type(s):	Connector	Use Level:	High
Surface:	Paved	Maintained:	Regularly by Grand County
Origin:	Recreation	Constructed:	by Multiple (using Federal Highway funds)
Jurisdictions:	BLM; County Land; City Land; State Park; U.S. Dept. of Energy		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM. This is a two-lane paved bike trail.

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?	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?	YES
• 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?	NO
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	NO
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	NO
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
Lease Facilities	ROW - Trail
	Other Rec Permit (SRP) (Bicycling permittees)

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

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
	County Lands or Park
	City Lands or Park
	Private Lands
	Other (U.S. Dept. of Energy)

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	Trail (Bike trail)
Activities	Bicycling
	Hiking
	Other (E-biking)
Modes of Transportation	Other (E-bike)
	Road Bike
	Mountain Bike
	By Foot

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 Pinyon-Juniper
	In Salt Desert Shrub
	In Blackbrush
	In Dunes
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area

***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:

Limited

Vehicle limits by user type:

OHV Public: **Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Limited** - Public motorized use is limited to Class I e-bike, year-round.

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

Authorized/Permitted Users: Currently authorized users may use this route by all modes of transportation, year-round.
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Administrative/Official Users: All Federal, State and Local agencies may use this route by all modes of transportation, year-round.

Alternative B	
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing specific recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Designation would minimize impacts to documented resources by concentrating e-bike, bicycle, and pedestrian use on a pre-existing route. Allowing continued use of this route could minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating e-bike and non-motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated use. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Continued use of this route with the added application of specific management prescriptions would minimize potential impacts to documented resources.	
Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:	
<i>(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) 	
Potential Management Actions:	
Mitigation: Signing - Regulatory - Signage to inform bicyclists that e-bikers are also allowed on the paved portions of this route.	
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