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TMA:	Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges	Route Name:	Upper Salt Wash
Length: 6.63 mi.	Width: UTV/ATV Track	Class:	Trails
Route Type(s):	Connector	Use Level:	Medium
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

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

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
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

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
Activities	Motorcycling
	Jeeping/4-Wheeling
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV/ATV

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 In Riparian/Wetlands
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep yearlong habitat In Pronghorn crucial fawning range
Special Status Plants	In Jones cycladenia modeled potential habitat
Cultural Resources	Crosses Ineligible Site
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Recreation Management Zone Leads to BHCA - Bird Habitat Conservation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Ephemeral stream Crosses Intermittent stream Within 1/4 mile of Major river Within 1/4 mile of Riparian/Wetland
Misc. Resources	In Saline Soil 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:

Limited

Vehicle limits by user type:

OHV Public: **Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Limited** - Public motorized use is limited to ATVs and single-track vehicles, 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.
Additional users may be authorized by the BLM through future authorizations.

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

Alternative B

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.

OHV Public: Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Closed

Specific 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: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife.

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)

Closure Method: Sign Closed; Natural rehabilitation

Alternative C	
Comprehensive Designation: LIMITED W/ MANAGEMENT	Comprehensive Designation Type: This designation limits the modes of transportation that can be utilized by the public on this route.
Vehicle limits by user type:	OHV Public: Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: Limited - Public motorized use is limited to Less than 60", 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. <i>Additional users may be authorized by the BLM through future authorizations.</i>
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Continued use of this route with the added application of specific management prescriptions, would minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Continued use of this route would minimize conflicts among various users of public land by providing access to other public land areas beyond the urban interface, reducing user concentrations and the potential for impacts to documented resources within the urban interface Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. By limiting vehicle width to 60" wide or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designation would have minimal affect on xero-riparian resources because the route is located in a drainage that is regularly scoured by flood events, periodically eliminating all traces of previous travel.	
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Potential Management Actions:	
Maintenance: Signing - Directional	
Mitigation: Signing - Regulatory	
<i>Potential management actions may be incorporated with an overall monitoring strategy that would assess the status and/or integrity of the potentially impacted sensitive resource or resource issues identified as they relate to various external factors, e.g., climate cycles, exotic species introduction, visitor use levels (type, intensity, and season of use), etc. Monitoring data that indicate a decline in resource integrity or reveal methods of mitigation that proved to be unsuccessful would then trigger adaptive and appropriate responses aimed at restoring integrity or successfully mitigating undesirable conditions.</i>	

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