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# Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan Draft Environmental Assessment





# Public Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
- Project Overview (5 minutes)
- Brief summary of alternatives (10 minutes)
- How to participate in the public comment period (10 minutes)
- Questions
- Repeat presentation, if questions are completed





# Welcome!

Questions will be addressed at the end of this presentation. If you have questions that come up during the presentation, please type them into the question and answer portal for the panelists to address. Comments should be submitted via mail or the ePlanning website.





# Project Overview

## Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan

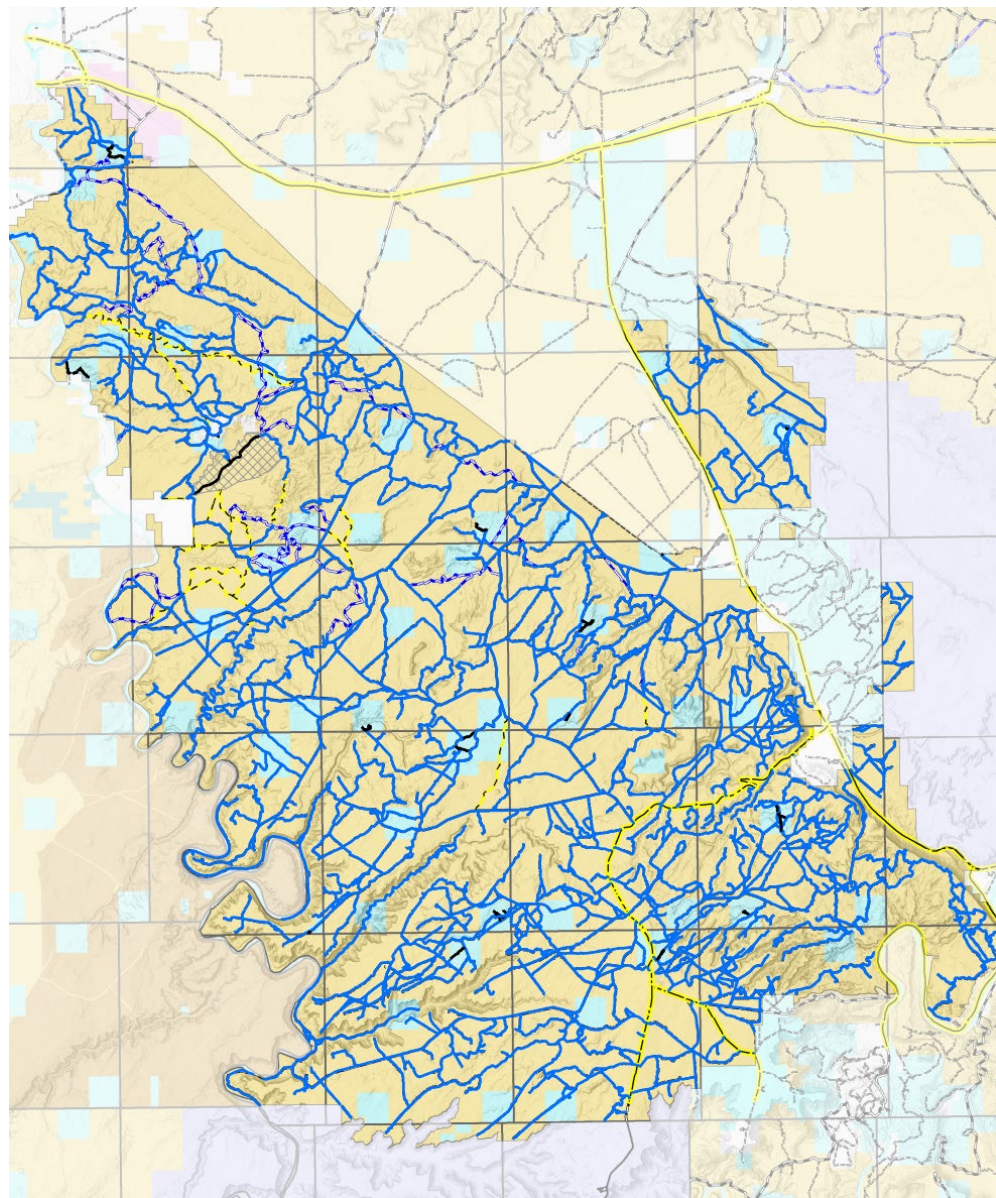
- Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Area:
  - 303,994 acres of BLM-managed land
  - Includes 1,127.7 miles of travel routes







# Project Overview: The Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Area (TMA)





# Project Overview

- The Travel Management Plan:
  - Designates an off-highway vehicle (OHV) travel network
  - Provides for long-term operation, monitoring and maintenance of the travel network
  - Replaces route designations from 2008 Travel Management Plan included in the 2008 Moab Resource Management Plan (RMP)
- The Draft Environmental Assessment:
  - Analyzes four alternatives for travel networks
  - Analyzes potential impacts on TMA's natural and human environment
  - Includes motorized routes and trails
  - OHV includes full-sized vehicles, UTVs, ATVs, motorcycles, e-bikes, etc.



# Project Overview

- The purpose of revisiting the route designations within the Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges TMA is to ensure routes designated in the 2008 RMP continue to meet the goals and objectives of the resources values and uses and determine if the routes still have a purpose and need.
- Bring travel management into compliance with:
  - Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, et al. v U.S. Department of the Interior, et al. Settlement
  - OHV regulations including 43 CFR 8432.1



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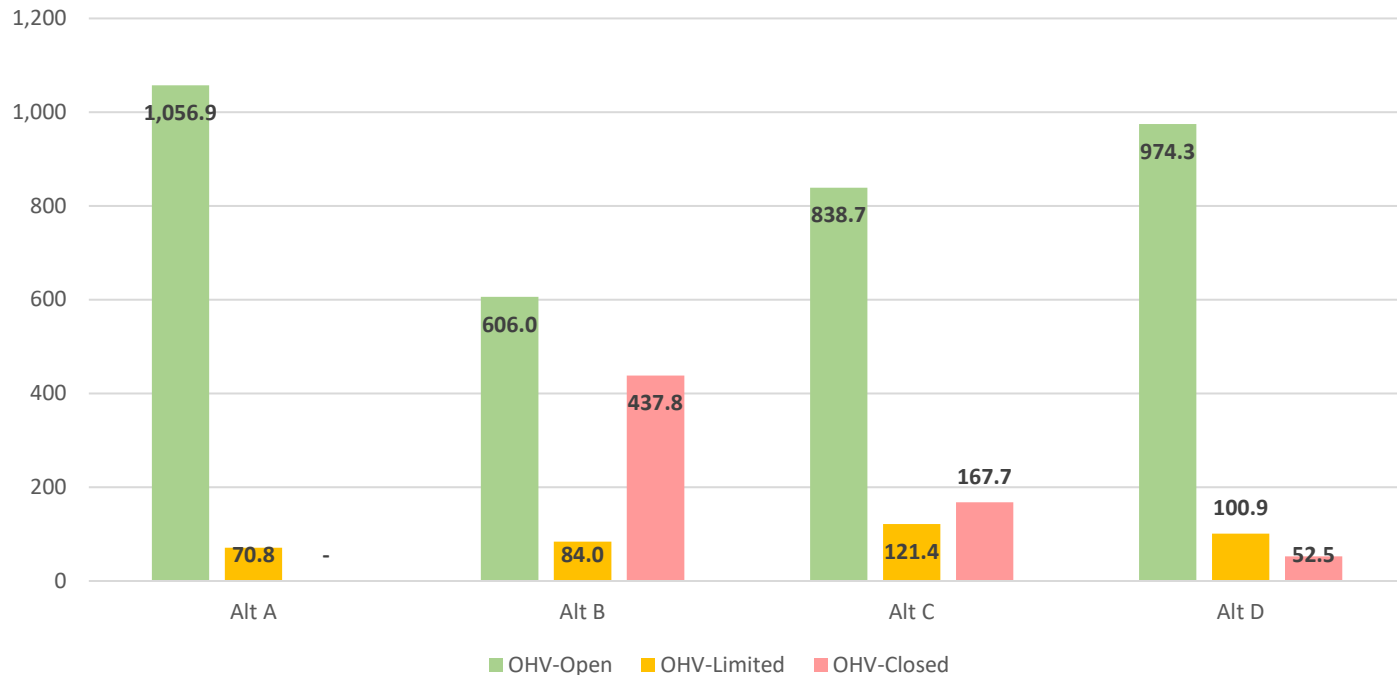
- Route Inventory
  - 2008 RMP travel network (OHV-open or OHV-limited)
  - Verified using field surveys, aerial imagery, internal disciplinary team input
- Route Evaluation
  - Route reports for each route or route segment
    - Available on the project's ePlanning site (Note: Large File)
  - Evaluation of resources, resource conflicts, and proposed alternatives
  - Weighed purpose and need against resource issues/conflicts
  - Assigned route designations for each alternative based on evaluations





# Summary of Alternatives

- Four Alternatives
  - Alternatives A, B, C, and D



Miles of Evaluated Routes by Alternative and Designation



# Summary of Alternatives

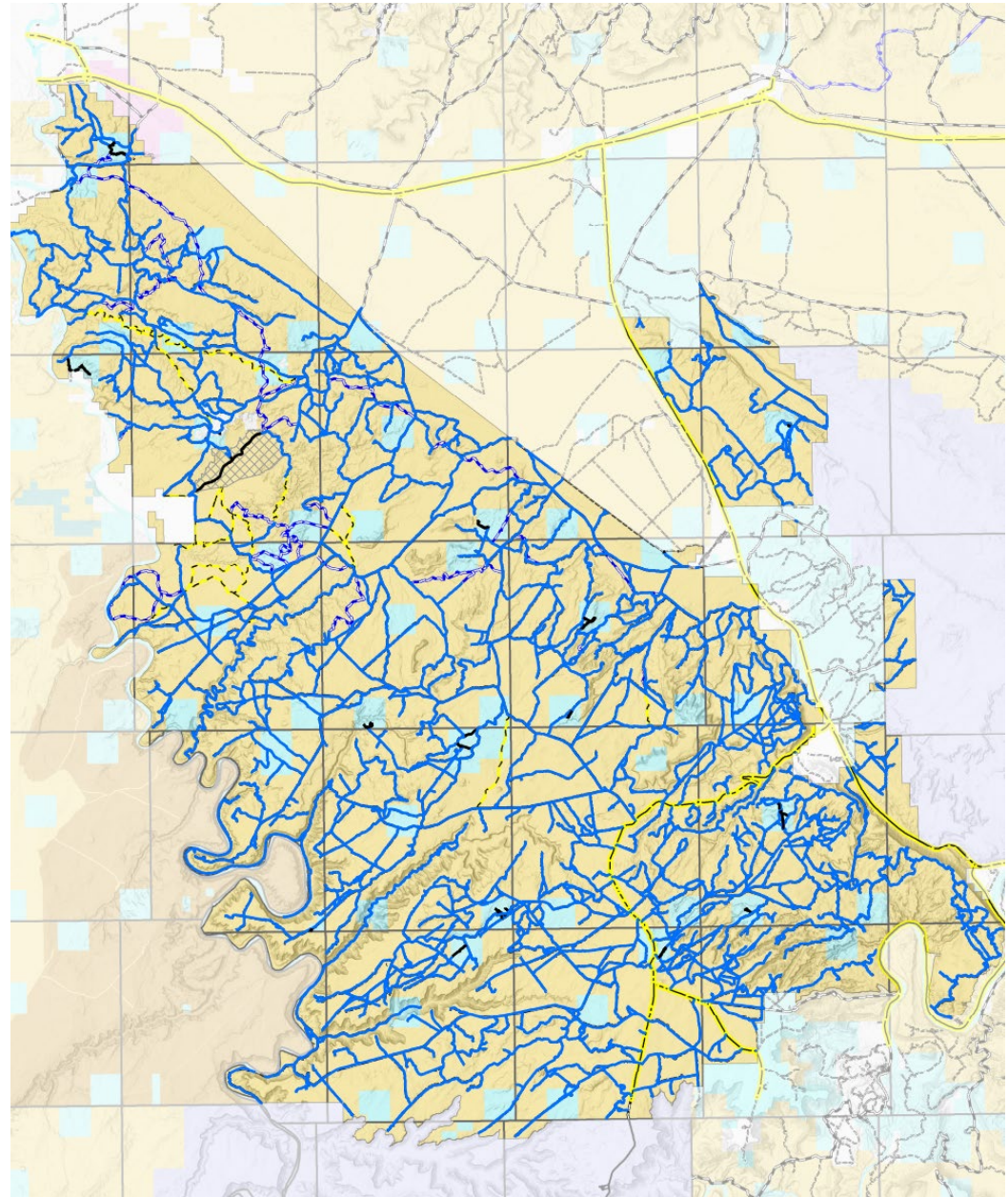
- Alternative A: No Action/Current Management
  - Reflects total network of evaluated routes in TMA
  - Route designations would remain unchanged
  - Baseline for comparison between alternatives
  - 1,127.7 miles available for OHV use
    - 1,056.9 miles OHV-open
    - 65.3 miles OHV-limited
    - 5.5 miles open to e-bikes (bike path)



# Summary of Alternatives: Alternative A

## Transportation Plan Alt A

-  Open
-  Not Assessed
-  Limited to Vehicles Under 50 Inches
-  Limited to Motorcycle Only
-  White Wash Sand Dunes Open OHV Area
-  BLM Wilderness Area
-  Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
-  Military Reservations and Corps of Engineers
-  National Park Service (NPS)
-  Private
-  State
-  State Parks and Recreation
-  State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area







# Summary of Alternatives

- Alternative B: Natural Resource Emphasis
  - Prioritizes protection of wildlife habitat, natural and cultural resources, ecosystems, and landscapes
  - Comments received in scoping resulted in adjustment of alternative
    - 606 miles OHV-open
    - 84 miles OHV-limited
      - 75.6 miles limited by vehicle size
      - 5.5 miles open to e-bikes (bike path)
    - 437.8 miles OHV-closed
      - 52.6 miles remain open to administrative use
  - Would close some redundant route segments and address resource conflicts with Jeep Safari routes



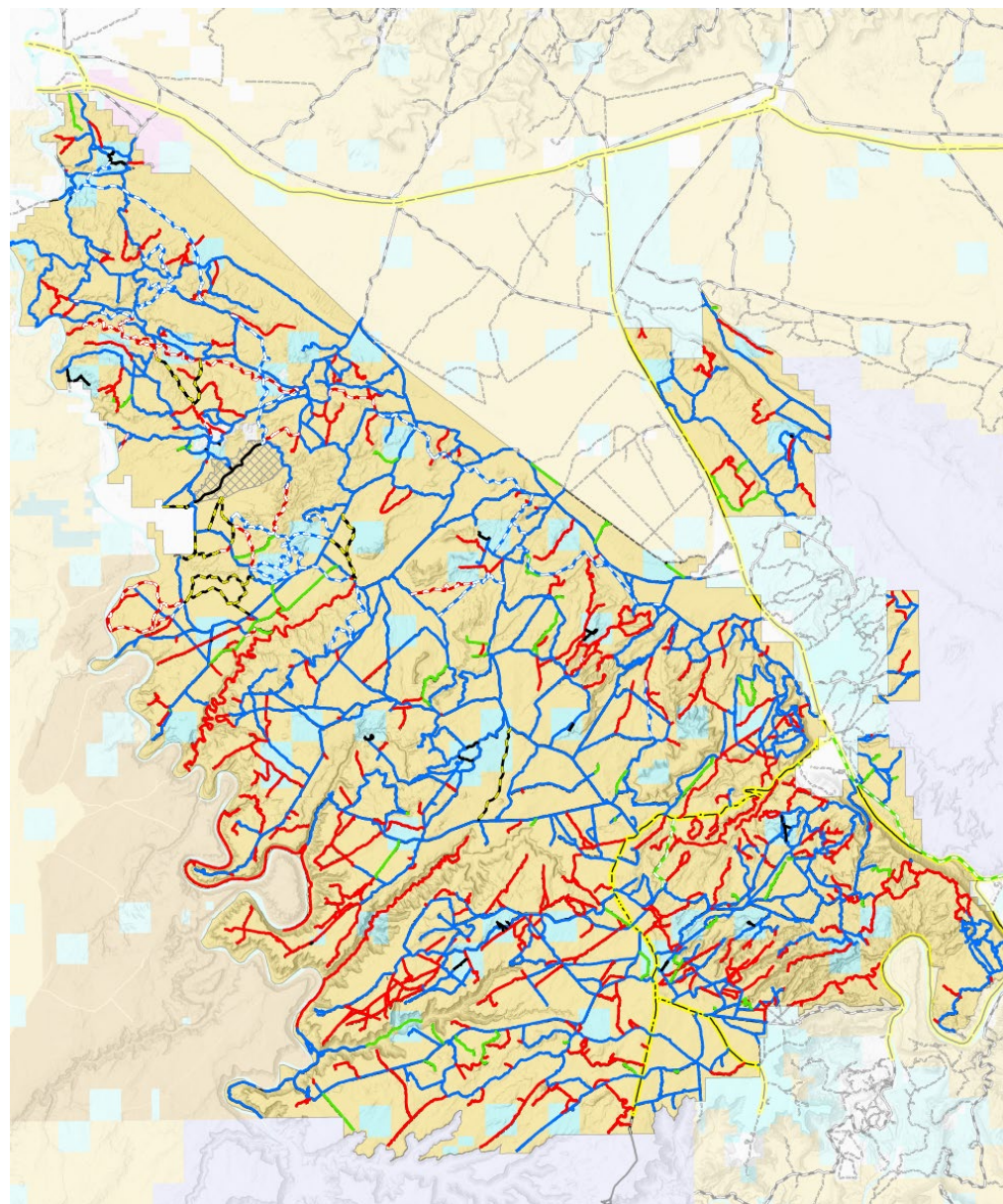
# Summary of Alternatives: Alternative B

## Full-Sized Vehicle Transportation Plan Alt B

- Open
- Administrative and Authorized Use Only
- Closed
- Not Assessed (Non-BLM Route)

## Other Vehicle Transportation Plan Alt B

- Limited, Single Track
- Limited, Vehicles Under 50 inches
- Limited, Class I E-bikes Only
- Closed
- BLM Wilderness Area
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Military Reservations and Corps of Engineers
- National Park Service (NPS)
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# Summary of Alternatives

- Alternative C: Multiple Use Emphasis
  - Represents balanced approach to OHV access resource protection
  - Designations accommodate natural and cultural resources; designate more miles of route than Alternative B
    - 838.7 miles OHV-open
    - 121.4 miles OHV-limited
      - 97.6 miles limited by vehicle size
      - 5.5 miles open to e-bikes (bike path)
      - 18.3 miles limited seasonally
    - 167.7 miles OHV-closed
      - 23.5 miles remain open to administrative use





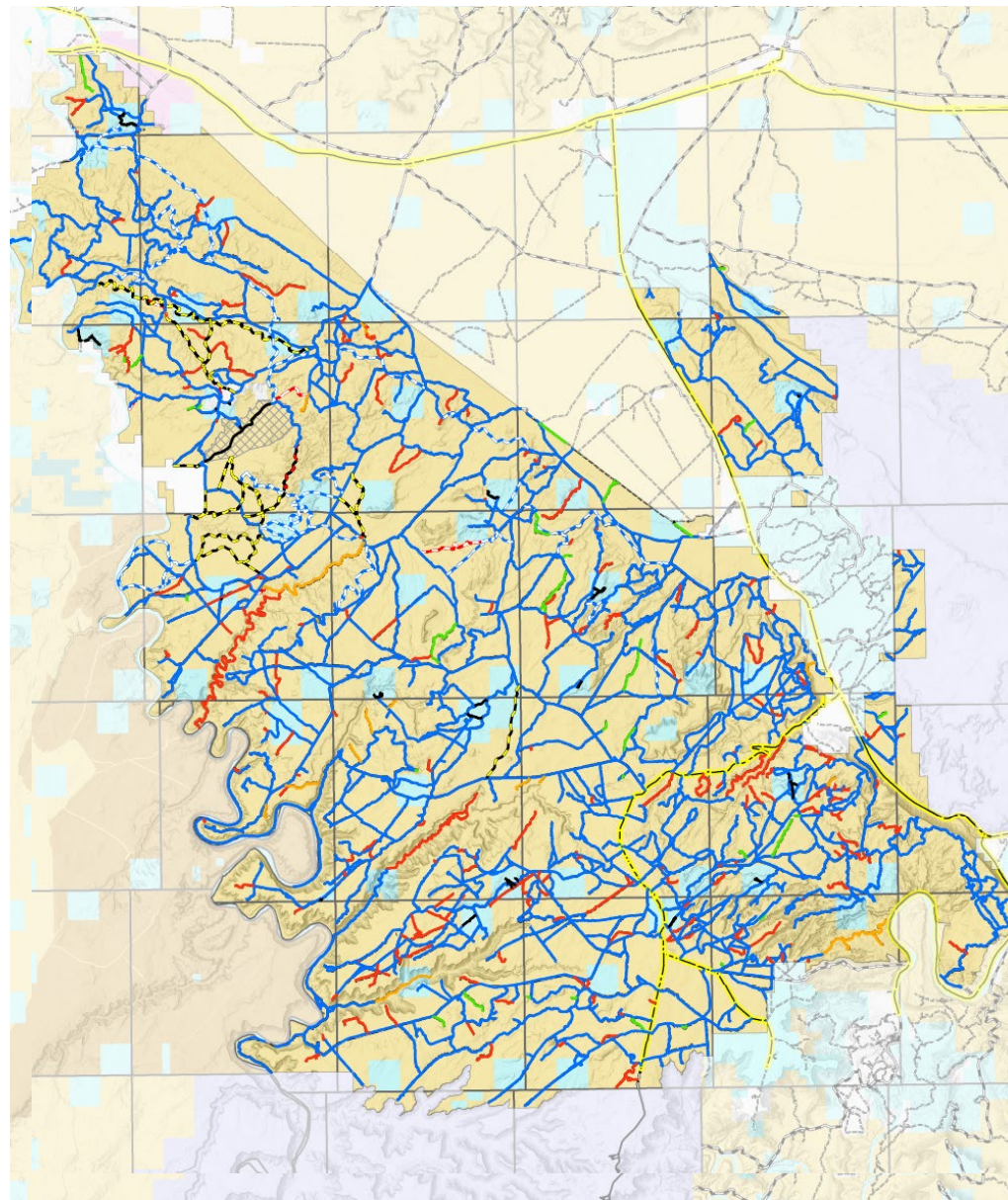
# Summary of Alternatives: Alternative C

## Full-Size Vehicle Transportation Plan Alt C

- Open
- Closed
- Administrative and authorized use only.
- Seasonal

## Other Vehicle Transportation Plan Alt C

- Limited to Vehicles Under 50 Inches
- Limited to Motorcycle Only
- Closed
- BLM Wilderness Area
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Military Reservations and Corps of Engineers
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# Summary of Alternatives

- Alternative D: Access Emphasis
  - Allows for most OHV-based access
  - Accommodates full range of uses while mitigating travel-related impacts
    - 974.3 miles OHV-open
    - 100.9 miles OHV-limited
      - 93.1 miles limited by vehicle size
      - 5.5 miles open to e-bikes (bike path)
      - 2.4 miles limited seasonally
    - 52.5 miles OHV-closed
      - 11.2 miles remain open to Administrative Use





# Summary of Alternatives: Alternative D

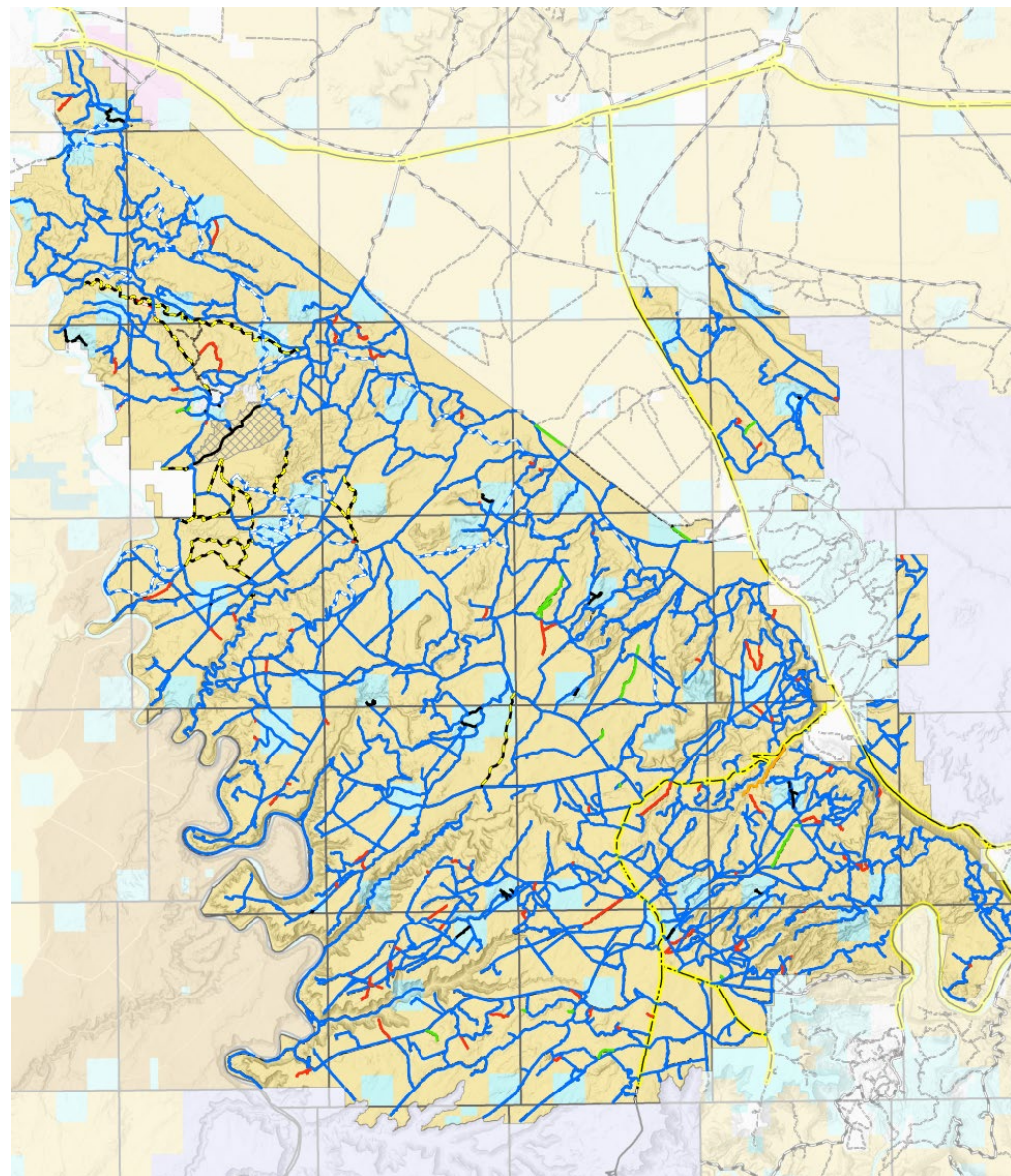
## Full-Size Vehicle Transportation Plan Alt D

- Open
- Seasonal Closure
- Administrative and authorized use only
- Closed
- Not Assessed (Non-BLM Route)

## Motorcycle ATV Transportation plan Alt D

- Limited to Vehicles Under 50 Inches
- Limited to Motorcycle Only
- Limited to Vehicles Under 50 Inches (Seasonal Closure)
- Closed

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# How to Participate

- Submit Comments through Friday, October 7, 2022 by:
  - Mail:  
BLM Moab Field Office  
Attn: Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management  
82 E Dogwood Avenue  
Moab, Utah 84532
- ePlanning:
  - <https://go.usa.gov/xs57Y>
    - Or
  - <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>
    - Search: "Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges"





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Project Information

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2020-0097-EA

Project Name: Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Area

Project Type: Environmental Assessment

Project Status: In Progress - Public Review and Comment Period

Lead Office: Moab FO

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Project Description

The Moab BLM is undertaking a travel management plan for the Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Special Recreation Management Area. Each motorized route in the SRMA will be examined for its purpose and need as well as for the resource conflicts that it poses. The baseline (Alternative A) is the travel plan from the 2008 Moab Resource Management Plan. Three other action alternatives will be proposed. A preliminary Environmental Assessment will be offered to the public that discusses each of the four alternatives. The reasons that this area is being examined is because of a court settlement. On May 31, 2017 a settlement agreement was reached in the case titled Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, et al.v U.S Department of the Interior, et al.. This agreement has implications for travel and transportation planning efforts in the Richfield, Price, Moab, Kanab, and Vernal BLM field offices. Information about statewide Travel Plan efforts can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/recreation-programs/travel-and-transportation/utah>.

What's New

The BLM is hosting a public comment period for the Labyrinth/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan from September 7, 2022 to October 7, 2022. Written comments may be mailed or submitted through ePlanning. Please reference "Labyrinth/Gemini Bridges Travel Management" when submitting comments via mail.

Mail: BLM Moab Field Office, Attn: Labyrinth/Gemini Bridges Travel Management 82 East Dogwood Moab, UT 84532

The BLM will host a virtual public meeting on September 22, 2022 from 5:00-6:30 pm. The meeting will include a presentation about the travel management area, an overview of the alternatives, a demonstration of how to provide written comments, and an opportunity to ask questions. The link to the virtual public meeting is included below.

[https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_J01s1WRhSW26IKnxlGaHZQ](https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_J01s1WRhSW26IKnxlGaHZQ)

The Scoping Period for the project was held from March 23 to April 26, 2021.

The BLM has developed a map with current designated route information (Alternative A) regarding trails, routes and roads within the Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges TMA. An interactive map is available that shows route numbers.

Project Location

City: Thompson, Green River

State/Territory: Utah

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



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


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## Helpful comments are:

- **Specific to the project**
- **Present new information**
- **Present reasonable alternatives**
  - Example: Close roads M, O, and Y in Alternative C to prevent user conflicts between recreationists and wildlife.
  - Example: Keep road L open to provide motorists access to a favorite overlook of Z Canyon.
- **Question accuracy of information**
  - Example: Did the BLM use the most up-to-date data on endangered wildlife species in its analysis?
- **Question adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for analysis**
  - Example: Question an assumption that road J has no function and provide information on the function of road J (e.g., access to an overlook).



# Questions?

- Thank you for listening to the presentation today!
- We look forward to seeing your questions.
- Process:
  - Write your question in the Q&A Portal. Call in users must press \*9 to raise their hand and \*6 to unmute.
  - We will address as many questions as we can during the Q&A.
  - Comments must be submitted in writing through ePlanning or via mail.





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**The meeting will resume  
shortly – we are currently  
on a short break.**