



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of Letter of Comment on BLM's Labyrinth/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan Reassessment, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and sign letter

SUMMARY

BLM is reassessing its 2023 Labyrinth/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan and is accepting public comments to reconsider whether certain roads closed by the plan should be designated as open for public use. The travel planning area includes a narrow strip of northern San Juan County in which four roads originating in Grand County end in San Juan County. In the plan two of these roads are designated as closed. The closed roads are on San Juan County's Travel Plan and provide access to scenic overlooks of the Island in the Sky unit of Canyonlands National Park and access to dispersed camping on BLM lands. The County comment letter asks that these closed roads be redesignated as open.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County did not participate in the original planning effort as the planning area was advertised as being entirely in Grand County, overlooking the lands in San Juan County. San Juan County became aware of this oversight after the plan was approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown