

Resolution No. 2012-013

**RESOLUTION
THE BOARD OF OURAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Concerning: Comments - BLM Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting public comments with regard to a proposed Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan; and

Whereas, the proposed Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan area has been used for many years for recreational purposes included but not limited to hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off highway vehicles; and

Whereas, the proposed Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan area is home to a variety of wildlife and serves as an important deer and elk wildlife migration area; and

Whereas, Ouray County by and through this Resolution offers comments representative of Ouray County Government inclusive of its departments and incorporating constituent input.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado, supports the adoption of the Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan as the highest and best use of the land recognizing the following factors:

1. All trails within BLM permitted Ouray County gravel pit boundaries should be eliminated and access by the public should be prohibited, and further trails leading to the pit should be rerouted;
2. Motorized and non-motorized trails in the planning area should be designated as such in order to minimize motorized vehicle interaction with non-motorized trail uses;
3. Trail connectivity should be emphasized and coordinated with existing trail systems into the Town of Ridgway and the State Park;
4. Trail system design should be strategically planned to provide recreational opportunities for skilled and less skilled users to promote a broad spectrum of usage and enjoyment to a diverse public;
5. Accessible trail systems are critical to the overall economic and environmental health and sustainability of Ouray County; and
6. Adoption and promotion of the Ridgway Comprehensive Travel Management Plan will attract additional recreational tourism and opportunities for residents of Ouray County thus providing an economic benefit to its citizens and visitors.
7. So long as the attached COPMOBA Draft Map from 4-8-12 accomplishes closing and rerouting any existing bike trails within the gravel pit boundary, the County feels that this proposal meets all of the above criteria and is in support of it.

Approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2012.

Voting for: Commissioners Albritton, Fedel and Padgett

Voting against: None



Michelle Nauer
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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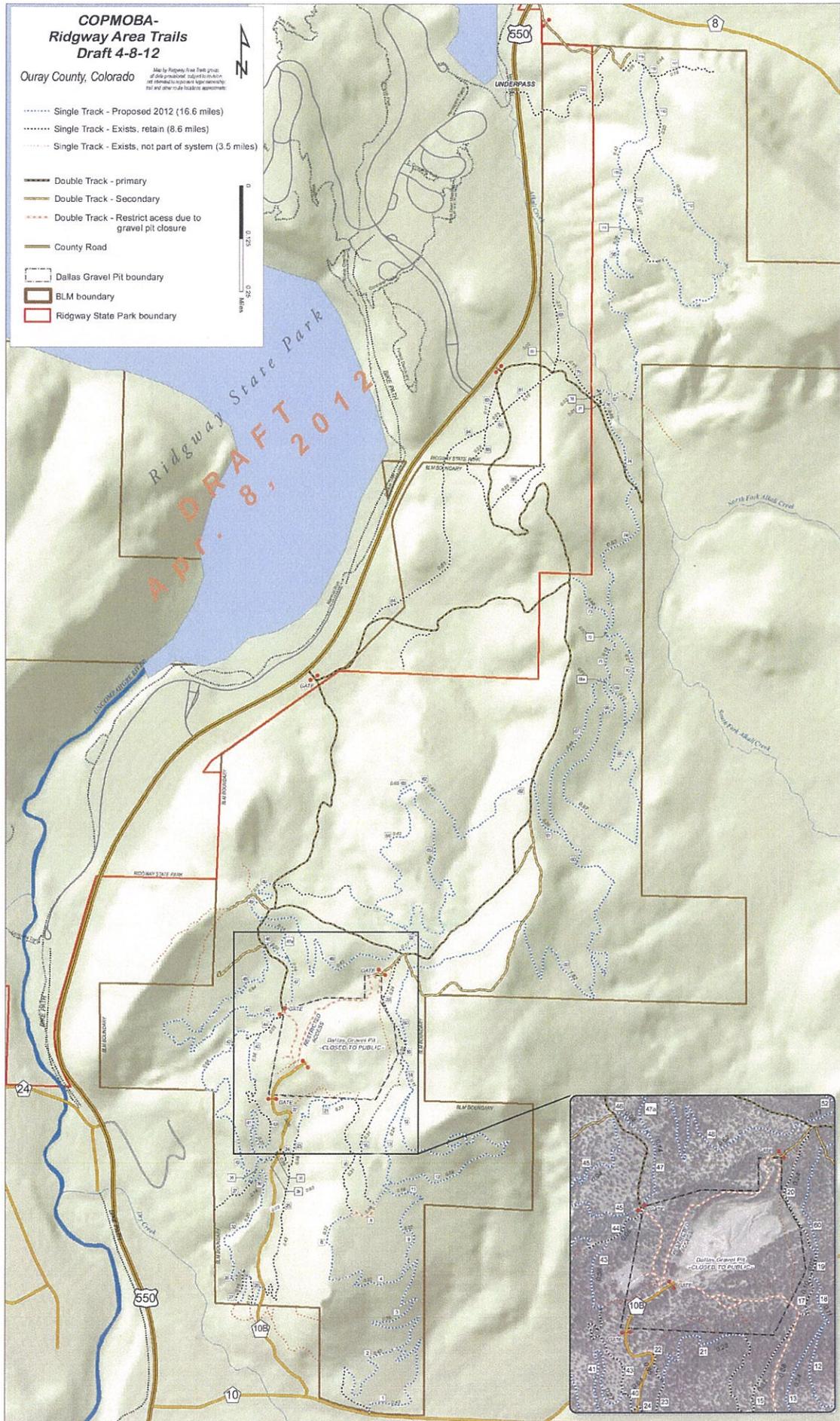
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Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner

**COPMOBA-
Ridgway Area Trails
Draft 4-8-12**

Ourray County, Colorado

Map by Ridgway Area Trails group
of Ourray County subject to review
and approval by Ourray County
and other applicable agencies

- Single Track - Proposed 2012 (16.6 miles)
- Single Track - Exists, retain (8.6 miles)
- Single Track - Exists, not part of system (3.5 miles)
- Double Track - primary
- Double Track - Secondary
- - - Double Track - Restrict access due to gravel pit closure
- County Road
- Dallas Gravel Pit boundary
- BLM boundary
- Ridgway State Park boundary



RIDGWAY AREA TRAILS
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 APR. 8, 2012