

Some deletions to protect privacy

From: Don_____@blm.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 9:46 AM
To: b-d@gmail.com
Cc: -----Bob (Bill)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 2022 pics, Hobo Ditch, Illegal ATV trails, Roan Creek, De Beque Area

Hello,

Thankyou for the information and the photos. I am working with our lands and real estate to see what can be done about the illegal use from the private properties. My intention is this spring to travel into the area and see about blocking the route. Also to re-establish admin signs and road closed signs in the area. It definitely appears the area is most used during hunting season, but hopefully we can conduct extra patrol in the area outside of season to see if it will slow illegal use of the trails during hunting season and to patrol it during season as well to take immediate action.

As with most illegal uses on trails it is hard to catch the suspects especially when it happens most everywhere, but we will give the area extra attention.

Take Care,

Don -----

From: b-----gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2023 3:55 PM
To: Don-----@blm.gov>
Cc: brandon-----@gmail>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2022 pics, Hobo Ditch, Illegal ATV trails, Roan Creek, De Beque Area

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Ranger Don -----, Happy New Year. Since observing the folks rebuilding their access trail to this illegal ATV route near Hobo Ditch this fall, I put up two trail cameras to document the activity. The table below shows the dates my cameras recorded motorized use on the illegal route. I have attached many of the pictures from the trail cams they are all time- stamped, I have more if you need them. The attached ONx picture shows where the trail cams were located on the closed (red) route. One picture shows them dragging an elk out behind an ATV. There appear to be many different users, many years ago they would post a sign-up along Roan Creek that advertised motorized access to this area for a fee, I'm inclined to assume some of these folks are still from that time or they are just letting friends and family up there. Regardless it's a motorized zoo for a closed area during 2nd thru 4th season. Some days had 3-4 ATVs driving by.

Date	Trail cam picture showing motorized use on the illegal trail.	
10.29.22		11.2.22

11.4.22	11.5.22	11.12.22	11.14.22	11.15.22
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Thanks for addressing this matter. It takes about 45 minutes to hike to the camera location. You can see why trying to hunt this area during rifle seasons is nearly impossible with these guys driving on this route and the Admin Route. Basically, 40% of hunting days thru the rifle seasons (2-4) are seeing motorized traffic on this illegal route. After last season did you speak to these guys and can the BLM get signs up before the next hunting season on these routes? They should also put Admin signs on G385.

Best. Please confirm receipt.

Brandon S-----

From: Don-----@blm.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:31 AM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hobo Ditch, Illegal ATV trails, Roan Creek, De Beque Area

Hello Brandon,

I did get your email and I appreciate you collecting all the needed information for me. I will be up that way later today or this week and will see what I can find out. I did confirm those routes are not suppose to be there and the other designated routes no one is suppose to use due to being BLM Admin Routes. I know there are a lot of users on those routes especially during hunting season. Again I will go take a look and I appreciate your help.

Thanks,

Don -----

From: b-----@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:04 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hobo Ditch, Illegal ATV trails, Roan Creek, De Beque Area

BLM Ranger Don -----, hi. I appreciate you giving me your email directly. I have been reporting BLM violations for over 10 years and have worked with Frank, Bryce, and Elliott.

Please see the email complaint below and the attached 7 documents.

If I need to clarify anything or if you need additional information please let me know.

From: b-----@gmail.com> **Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:09 AM

Thanks

To: Frank-----@blm.gov>

Subject: Hobo Ditch, Illegal ATV trails, Roan Creek, De Beque Area

Officer Frank----- hello. Yesterday 11.3.21 while taking my son elk hunting, I noticed hunters in orange utilizing a camouflage side by side on Closed/Admin routes G52 and G385 above the Hobo Ditch area near Clear Creek Road (CR 211) and Roan Creek Road (CR 204)--- below Kimball Mtn. Much of this area was burned in the Pine Gulch fire that they are driving thru. My pictures of them (attached -taken 11.3.21 from Roan Creek Road) are near the intersection of BLM routes G52 and G385.

More concerning is based on the fresh ATV tracks (attached pictures taken 11.3.21- near ATV waypoint on my ONX map) and from where we saw the hunters exit the area they are utilizing an unmapped ATV trail system from private land just west of the hobo ditch BLM legal access to the area. I utilized ONX to generate two attached maps, but you can also see the trail system on google earth.

The two attached ONX maps show the landowners (possibly 3) that appear to have ATV trails accessing the BLM. Please note that we did not hike down to the private property from the ATV trail (above their properties) the two attached pictures show the fresh ATV tread that leads down to the private property. My son and I hiked in on the light blue track line on the maps.

I drew the red route on the ONX maps, it represents the illegal trail system that ties into G52/G385. Since the trail system is also visible on google earth we know that it's been there a while.

The three landowners in question are:

1. J -----
2. J
3. G -----

As usual, I do not want anyone to get a ticket and I want to remain anonymous. I would guess the BLM will need to put up carsonite "route closed" markers and talk with the landowners. This illegal ATV access hurts all the public land hunters who have to hike in legally from either hobo ditch or the Kimball Creek Road (CR 202) side of the BLM lands below Kimball Mtn.

If this can be addressed quickly it would greatly benefit public land hunters in 3rd and 4th seasons.

Thank you and can you please confirm receipt of this email, there are 7 attachments and I'm hoping all the info comes thru. Best.

Brandon