

**DESCRIPTION:** Douglas Mountain lies north of the Yampa River and east of the Green River. There are four BLM wilderness study areas directly adjacent to the northern boundary of Dinosaur National Monument on Douglas Mountain. They are the Ant Hills (4,354 acres), Chew Winter Camp (1,320 acres), Peterson Draw (5,160 acres), and Vale of Tears (7,420 acres). WSAs. These remote WSAs consist of rugged hills and valleys on the flank of Douglas Mountain and are extensions of the landforms of Dinosaur National Monument to the south. Wilderness values including naturalness and opportunities solitude and primitive recreation are contingent on those in the Monument.

There are no developed or maintained trails in the area although there are some primitive jeep trails along the WSA boundaries. Hiking routes are generally along the ridges or in the broad, open draws. There are scenic views of Zenobia Peak (9,005 feet), the Yampa River Basin, and Dinosaur National Monument. Motorized and mechanized vehicle travel is limited to existing roads and trails within these WSAs.

Surface water is scarce in this remote area and is mostly present on private lands. Mammals include mule deer, elk, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, jackrabbit, badger, and yellow belly marmot. Golden eagle, turkey vulture, and many upland bird species occur here. Vegetation consists of pinyon-juniper woodlands, sagebrush, and native grass



communities. Cultural sites and artifacts may be present. Please leave them as you found them. All sites and artifacts are protected by Federal laws.

**ACCESS:** From Moffat County Road 318 north of Maybell, take Moffat County Road 10 west past the Little Snake River and up onto Douglas Mountain. From there, continue west on Moffat County Road 10 (locally known as Douglas Mountain Boulevard). The Vale of Tears WSA does not have any public road or trail access to the Vale of Tears. Ant Hills, Chew Winter Camp, and Peterson Draw WSAs are accessible by OHV on BLM roads 1669 and 1670. The public must obtain landowner permission to obtain access across private lands.

**MAPS:** BLM Canyon of Lodore and Rangely Color Quads (scale = 1:100,000) are available from BLM offices. USGS Topographic Maps (Scale = 1:24,000) - Zenobia Peak, Greystone, and Limestone Hill are available from USGS Branch of Distribution (map sales), P.O. Box 25286, Building 41, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225, phone (303) 236-7477.



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