



DESCRIPTION: Cold Spring Mountain extends some 20 miles west to east with rough and steep south-facing slopes, plateaus, and ridges along the northern margins of Browns Park. The West Cold Spring Wilderness Study Area lies between the Matt Trail on the east and Willow Creek in Utah to the west. Elevations in the area range from 5688 feet in the south to 9500 feet in the north near Diamond Peak. Land ownership on top of Cold Spring north to the Wyoming border is a mix of private, state, and federal lands and access is not available to all public lands so good land ownership maps are recommended.

The small Rocky Reservoir campground is located in an aspen grove off of a steep road to Diamond Peak and has 5 sites with tables, fire grates, and a pit toilet (no water). Beaver Creek Canyon along the Utah border is an interesting area for hiking. A cattle trail leads up the canyon and Beaver Creek supports a trout fishery. The rugged Matt Trail provides a challenging hiking route on the south face of the mountain. The numerous primitive roads and trails in the area challenge hiking, mountain biking or horseback riding. The Matt Trail is closed to motorized vehicles.

Mule deer, elk, antelope, mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, grey fox, beaver, moose, and other

mammals reside on Cold Spring Mountain. Numerous birds such as golden eagle, turkey vulture, prairie falcon, coopers hawk, red tailed hawk and many other species may be found here. Pinyon-juniper, sagebrush, and native grasses are the main vegetation communities with scattered mountain mahogany, Douglas fir and limber pine at higher elevations. Riparian vegetation includes boxelder, cottonwood, and willows. Numerous wildflowers are found in the area.

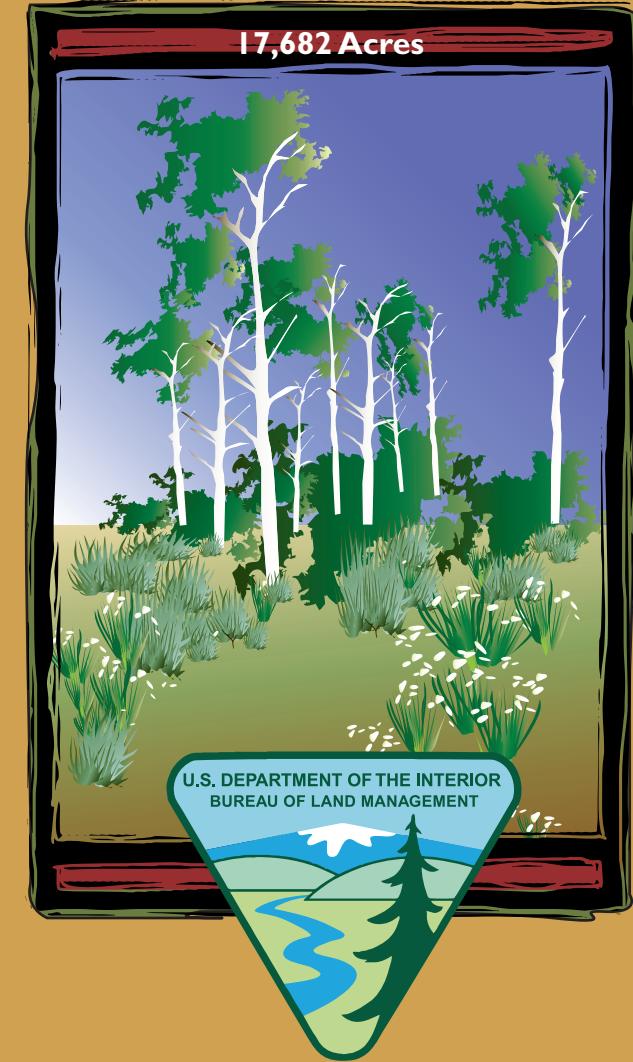
ACCESS: From Colorado Highway 318 in Browns Park, drive North on Moffat County Road #10. Travel through Irish Canyon to County Road 72 (approximately 15 miles from Colorado 318). Take County Road 72 to the top of Cold Spring Mountain, Diamond Peak and Middle Mountain.



MAPS: BLM Canyon of Lodore and Dutch John, Utah Color Quad (scale = 1:100,000). USGS Topographic Maps (scale = 1:24,000), Swallow Canyon, Lodore School, Big Joe Basin and Irish Canyon, Willow Creek Butte, and Beaver Basin. Topographic maps are available from USGS Branch of Distribution (map sales) P. O. Box 25386, Building 41, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225, phone (303) 236-7477.

West Cold Spring Wilderness Study Area

17,682 Acres



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