

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-012

Acreage: 309.4

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-012 meets the size requirement criteria with the adjacent Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The northern boundary is the Red Cloud Peak WSA. The eastern Boundary is private land and an overhead electric line right-of-way (ROW). The southern boundary follows road 3306 and the western boundary is road 3325.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description

The unit is south of Red Mountain Gulch and north of the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. The topography rises throughout and peaks in the center and the northwest. The vegetation includes conifers, aspen, various grasses and wild flowers. The highest topographical points have little to no vegetation, especially where there are predominately exposed rock formations. A previous inventory record of this area was filled by the Montrose BLM Office in 1979 and was excluded from the Red Cloud Peak WSA for not possessing wilderness characteristics (Inventory source CO-030-208).

(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes No N/A

Description

This area provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. The extreme topography and dense wooded vegetation allow for multiple persons to be in the parcel and not be aware of one another.

Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes No N/A

Description

This parcel of land provides outstanding opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation. Hiking, backpacking and wildlife viewing are all possible in this area.

(3) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?

Yes No N/A

Description

This parcel contains a high level of lynx habitat and a medium level of elk winter habitat.

Summary of Analysis

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Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? Yes No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No

Check one

The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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