

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-019

Acreage: 39.7

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-019 is adjacent to the Powderhorn Wilderness Study Area (WSA) meeting the size requirement criteria. The northern and western boundaries are private land. The southern and eastern boundaries are adjacent to the Powderhorn WSA.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description

The topography rises from the banks of the Lake Fork Gunnison into rolling hills. The Lake Fork of the Gunnison flows through the center of the parcel. The vegetation includes sage brush, pine and willow in the riparian areas. There are two closed roads within this area but they are regenerating and difficult to notice.

(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

A portion of this area has densely wooded vegetation that provides opportunities for solitude.

(3) 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 has opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation such as hiking, backpacking, fishing and wildlife viewing.

(4) 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 medium level of lynx habitat along with high levels of elk winter habitat, severe elk winter habitat, mule deer winter habitat, severe mule deer habitat and potential sage grouse 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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*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.