

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-007

Acreage: 2,083.5

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-007 is adjacent to the Uncompahgre Wilderness meeting the size requirement criteria. The northern boundary is lined by the Uncompahgre Wilderness and Forest Service land. The eastern boundary follows road 3323. The southern boundary is private land and road 3303. The western boundary consists of roads 3300, 3300a, 3300c, private land and Forest Service land.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description

This parcel consists of rolling hills and dense vegetation including pine, aspen, various grasses, wildflowers and willows in riparian areas. Yellowstone Gulch flows in the western portion. El Paso Creek flows from north to south into the center of the parcel. Pale Creek runs from north to south through the western area of the unit. Nellie Creeks flows along the eastern boundary. Within this parcel is a 2.49 acre area of wetlands that has low potential to be a fen. There are a few closed roads within this unit that range in visibility. These roads were used to access private property and mining claims. Human activity in this area centers on the access to private land and recreation.

(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 parcels dense tree vegetation and rolling hills provide excellent opportunities for solitude. Visitors in this area would be very unlikely to see one another due to these circumstances.

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 area provides outstanding opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation in the forms of hiking, backpacking and wildlife viewing.

(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 possesses a small wetland area that has a low potential to be a fen and a high level of lynx 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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