

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-020

Acreage: 1034.2

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-020 is adjacent to the Powderhorn Wilderness Study Area (WSA) on its southern boundary, meeting the size requirement criteria. The western boundary is private land. Both the northern and eastern boundaries are along road 3018.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description

Thinning with removal has taken place in this parcel (almost 50 %). This vegetation treatment is very noticeable throughout the bulk of the area. The farthest western portion has not been logged but its close proximity to Highway 149 allows noise pollution to affect the area.

(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

The rolling hills, drainages, and topographic relief provide outstanding 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 area allows for limited unconfined and primitive recreation such as hiking, backpacking 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 medium levels of lynx habitat along with high levels of winter elk habitat, severe mule deer habitat, winter 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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