

Description

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) acquired the 4,139-acre Emerald Mountain property in February 2007. It was the culmination of a 13-year project to conserve Emerald Mountain for use and benefit of the public. The property is divided into two different Recreation Management zones. Zone 1 provides opportunities for strenuous, challenging mountain biking, Nordic skiing and similar activities. Zone 2 provides opportunities primarily for wildlife viewing, hiking, horseback riding and other non-mechanized activities. Both zones are available for hunting.

The trails within Emerald Mountain provide scenic overlooks and meander through a variety of habitats including Gambel oak, aspens, sage and pine forests. The short hike to Kemry Draw, located in Zone 2, is a good place for wildlife viewing and birding because of the large cottonwoods and year-round spring. A picnic table is located at the old corral in Kemry Draw to sit and relax, or have a picnic.

Rules and Regulations

Emerald Mountain is a Day-Use Only area. No overnight camping is allowed. Non-working dogs must be on a six-foot or less hand-held leash at all times.

Zone 2 and trails south of the Ridge trail in Zone 1 will be closed to the public from December 1 to June 30 to protect wintering and calving elk. This closure coincides with a similar closure by Colorado Parks and Wildlife on an adjacent, contiguous parcel.



Additional rules and regulations apply and can be found at the BLM Little Snake Field Office.

Access

From the Steamboat Springs side (northwest), foot access is provided across City of Steamboat Springs trails and easements from the Blackmere Drive Trail trailhead. The only road access is along Cow Creek Road (Routt County 45) on the west, off of Twentymile Road (County Road 33). This rough dirt road is not plowed in winter and gets extremely muddy when wet.

Maps

BLM Steamboat Springs Quad (scale = 1:100,000). USGS Topographic Maps (scale = 1:24,000) – Cow Creek and Steamboat Springs, are available from USGS, Box 25046, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225, phone (303) 236-5900 or at: <http://store.usgs.gov>.



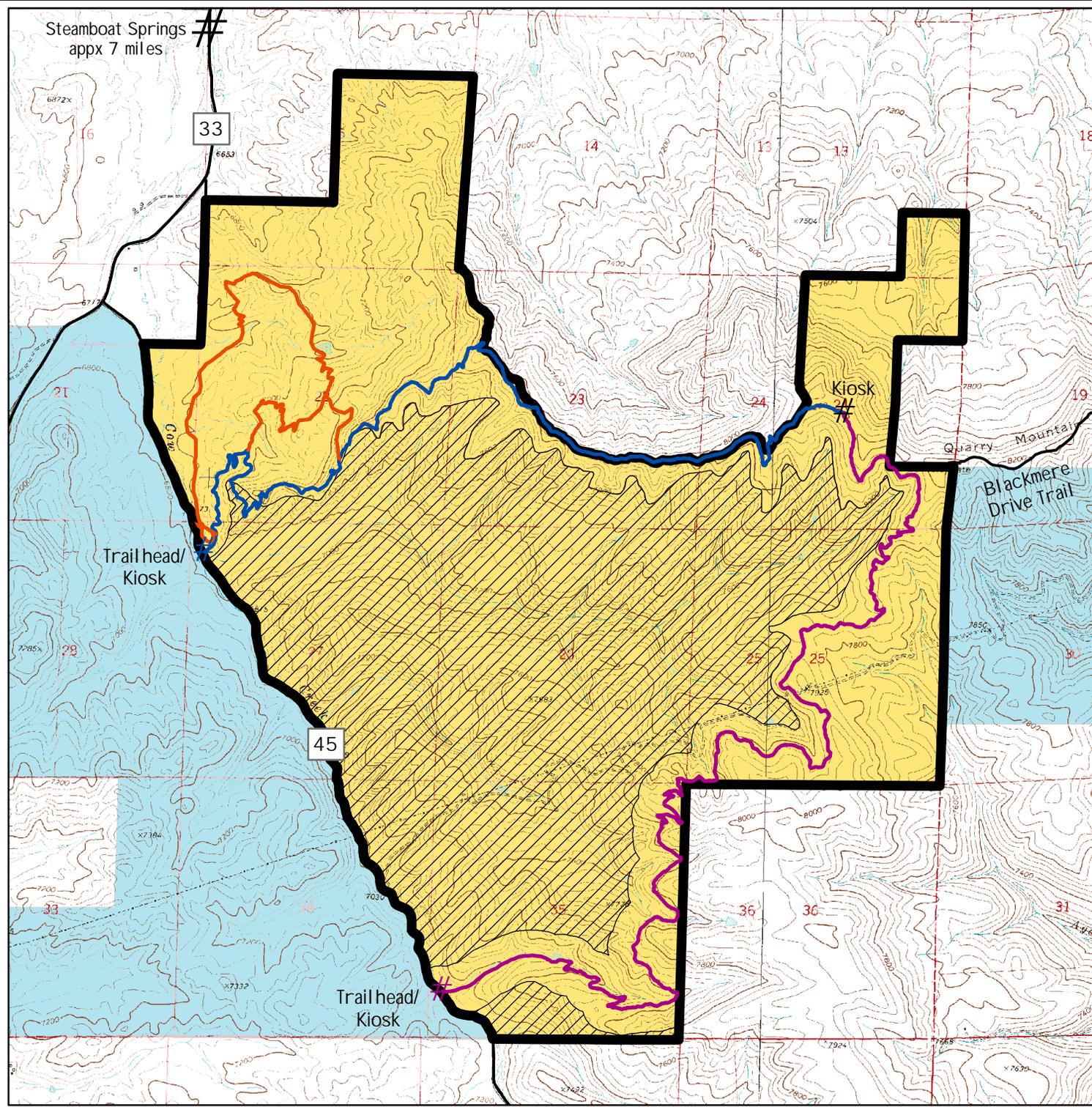
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<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lisfo.html>

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Trail Network

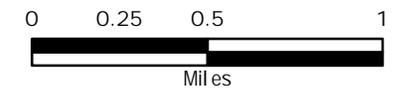
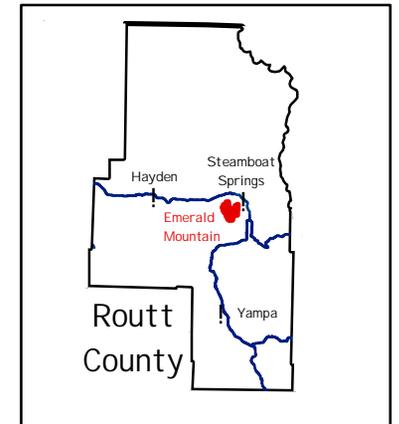
- Beal I Trail (6.44 miles)
- Ridge Trail (4.62 miles)
- Rotary Trail (3.40 miles)

- SRMA Boundary
- Zone 2 *

Surface Management Status

- Private
- State Lands
- BLM Lands

* - Closed to Mechanized Use



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