Form 1: Document Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

NO __X_ (If no, go to Form 2)
YES ___ If yes, and if the area has subunits within the broader area, list the unique identifiers for each of those subunits:

Inventory Source: _____n/a_____
Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):___n/a_____
Map Name(s)/Number(s):_____n/a_____
BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):_____n/a_____

BLM Inventory findings on record: Document existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Document BLM Wilderness Characteristics Findings on Record (Historic Findings)					
Inventory Source Document:					
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (YES/NO & acres)	Naturalness (YES/NO)	Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude (YES/NO)	Outstanding opportunities for primitive & unconfined recreation (YES/NO)	Supplemental Values? (YES/NO)

(add rows as needed)

Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-020-052 Acreage: 83.03 acres
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

1. Is the area of sufficient size? (If area meets an exception to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception):

   Yes X No ___ (If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

   Description (boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): The land is smaller than 5,000 acres but are contiguous with the USFS Spanish Peaks Wilderness (managed by the San Isabel National Forest) meeting size exception 2.a.i. The unit consists of an 80 acre parcel that is located directly north of the Spanish Peaks Wilderness area. The legal description is as follows: T30S, R67W, Section 18 S ½ of the SW ¼. The west, north and east side of the parcel are boundaries of property lines with other than BLM management.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

   Yes____ No X NA ____ (If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

   Description (land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses and activities):
   The parcel has private land located on 3 sides with the fourth side the Spanish Peaks Wilderness. The parcel is located on a slightly sloping north facing heavily timbered bench. There is evidence of past logging activity including cut stumps and old constructed routes that are now mostly grown in but still evident. One route did have evidence of recent and somewhat frequent ATV use coming from the private land to the North and traveling into the Spanish Peaks Wilderness, bisecting the parcel. Within the context of the relatively small parcels the evidence of human use detracted from the overall naturalness of the inventoried area.

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 solitude?

   Yes_____ No X NA_____ (If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics – see question 4)

   Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): Due to the small size of the parcels, presence of existing motorized use, and surrounded on three sides by

private land there are not outstanding opportunities for solitude.

4. 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__X___ NA_____ (If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics; if "No" is checked for both questions 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics, check "NA" for question 5)

   Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation): __Due to the small size of the parcel and surrounded on three sides by private land and evidence of existing motorized use and trail construction there are not outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

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

   Yes_____ No__X___ NA_____

   Description: _____

6. Summary of Analysis to document information that constitutes the inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. This does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision, and does not represent a decision in regard to how the area will be managed or address impacts of management decisions. Explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).
   - Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes__X___ No_ ____
   - Does the area appear natural? Yes_____ No__X___ NA ____
   - Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes_____ No__X___ NA_____

   Check one:

   ____ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics (*all 3 bullets must be answered "yes"*).

   _X__ The area does not have wilderness characteristics (*one or more of the bullets is answered "no"*).

7. Prepared by (list team members, titles, date, signatures; add lines as needed):

Evaluator (name/title): Kalem Lenard/Outdoor Recreation Planner Date: 7/22/13

Signature:

Evaluator (name/title): Bryce Hofmann/Recreation Technician Date:

Signature:

8. Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):
   Name:
   Title: FIELD MANAGER
   Date: 7/22/13

Form 3: Route Analysis:

The Route Analysis includes factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. For the purposes of this analysis, use the following definition of a "road". This definition is drawn from and the FLPMA legislative history and historic BLM inventory direction.

> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.
>
> a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. "Improved" does not necessarily mean formal construction. "Maintained" does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.
>
> b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.
>
> c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: CO-020-052
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: West Parcel Routes A, B, C

I. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: Spanish Peaks Parcel # 6657 (west) Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Map Date: 9/30/2011

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics along with GPS photopoints, and a GPS inventory of a route that was recently used by an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV).

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse),

mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:
It is assumed that all three routes were initially constructed for timber harvest over 50 years ago based on the types of stumps found in the area. Routes A & B had no signs of recent use and were mostly grown in but did show signs of construction versus user created including berms and cut slope. Route C showed signs of recent ATV use including fresh tracks. This route appeared to be constructed at one point in time and is mostly grown-in except where the ATV traffic occurred. It is assumed that this route's current purpose is hunting access in the Spanish Peaks Wilderness from the nearby private land owners.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?
Yes ____ No _X___ Unknown ____

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

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_____
_____

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?
Yes ____ No ____ Unknown or N/A _X___

Explain:

_____
_____
_____
_____

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?
Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked "yes" below _X____
No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked "no" below _____

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?
Yes _X____ No _____

Examples (partial list):
Paved___ Bladed___ Graveled___ Roadside Berms___ Cut/Fill_X__ Other___

Describe:

_On all three routes there was evidence of road cuts on the uphill slope.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes ____ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ____
No _X___

Examples (partial list):

Culverts___ Built Stream Crossings___ Bridges___ Drainage___ Barriers___

Describe:

_____
_____
_____
_____

B. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below ___
No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below _X__

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes ____ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ____
No _X___

Explain:

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_____
_____

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes ____ No _X___

Explain:
__The routes are currently not in good condition and are largely grown-in.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ____ No _X___

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases). It is assumed that the routes original purposes was for logging extraction based on the stumps found and apparent age. The current use on route C is solely ATV use coming off of private land. The rate and frequency on which ATVs travel this route is unknown but it is assumed that use is relatively infrequent and seasonal and is limited to the private property owners located directly north of the parcel.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ____ = Wilderness Inventory Road
No _X___ = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:
Item III.A is checked yes due to the constructed nature of the routes. However items III.B and III.C are checked no due to the lack of apparent maintenance and the lack of regular and continuous use.

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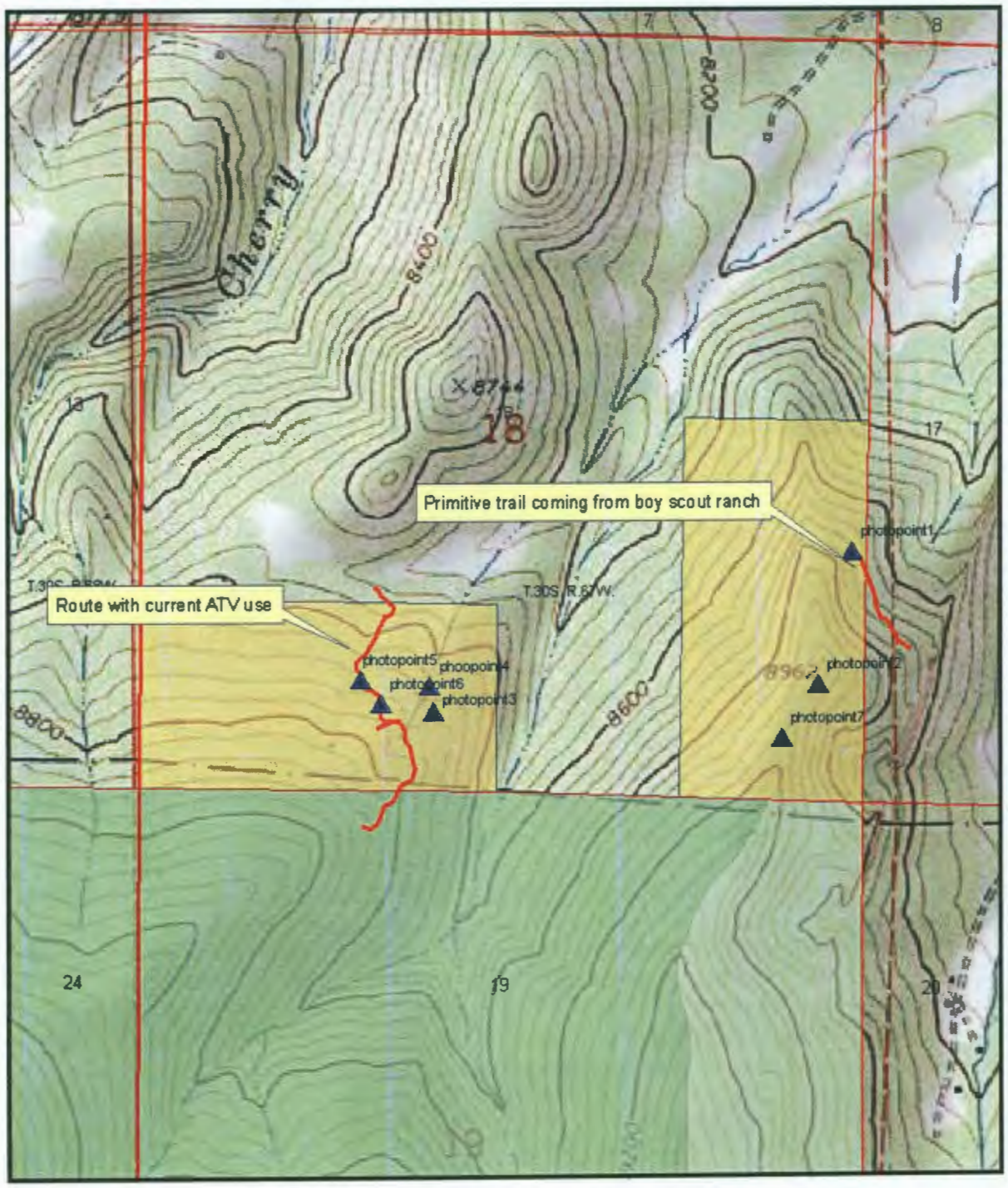
Signature: _____

Evaluator (name/title): Bryce Hofmann/Recreation Technician_____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



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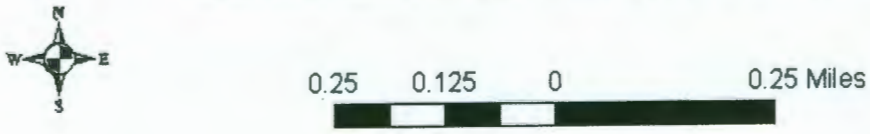

Photopoint 3
N – Photo of route A largely grown in.

Photopoint 4
SW – Photo of route B largely grown in.

Photopoint 5
NW – Photo of route C, old road with recent ATV use.

Photopoint 6
Photo of stump showing evidence of past logging in area.

PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): _Kalem Lenard/Outdoor Recreation Planner_____

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: _CO-020-052

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Town-ship	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
9/27	N/A	N	Photo of Route A	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	3
9/27	N/A	SW	Photo of Route B	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	4
9/27	N/A	NW	Photo of Route C	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	5
9/27	N/A	N/A	Photo of stump evidence of past logging activity	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	See map and shapefile	6

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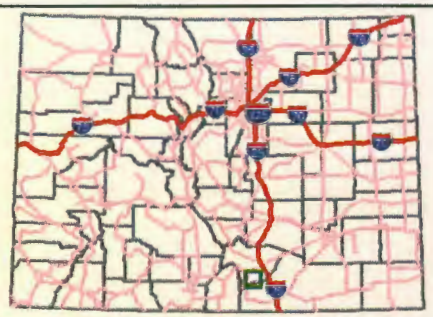

Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- November 2013 Lease Sale
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State
- US Forest Service

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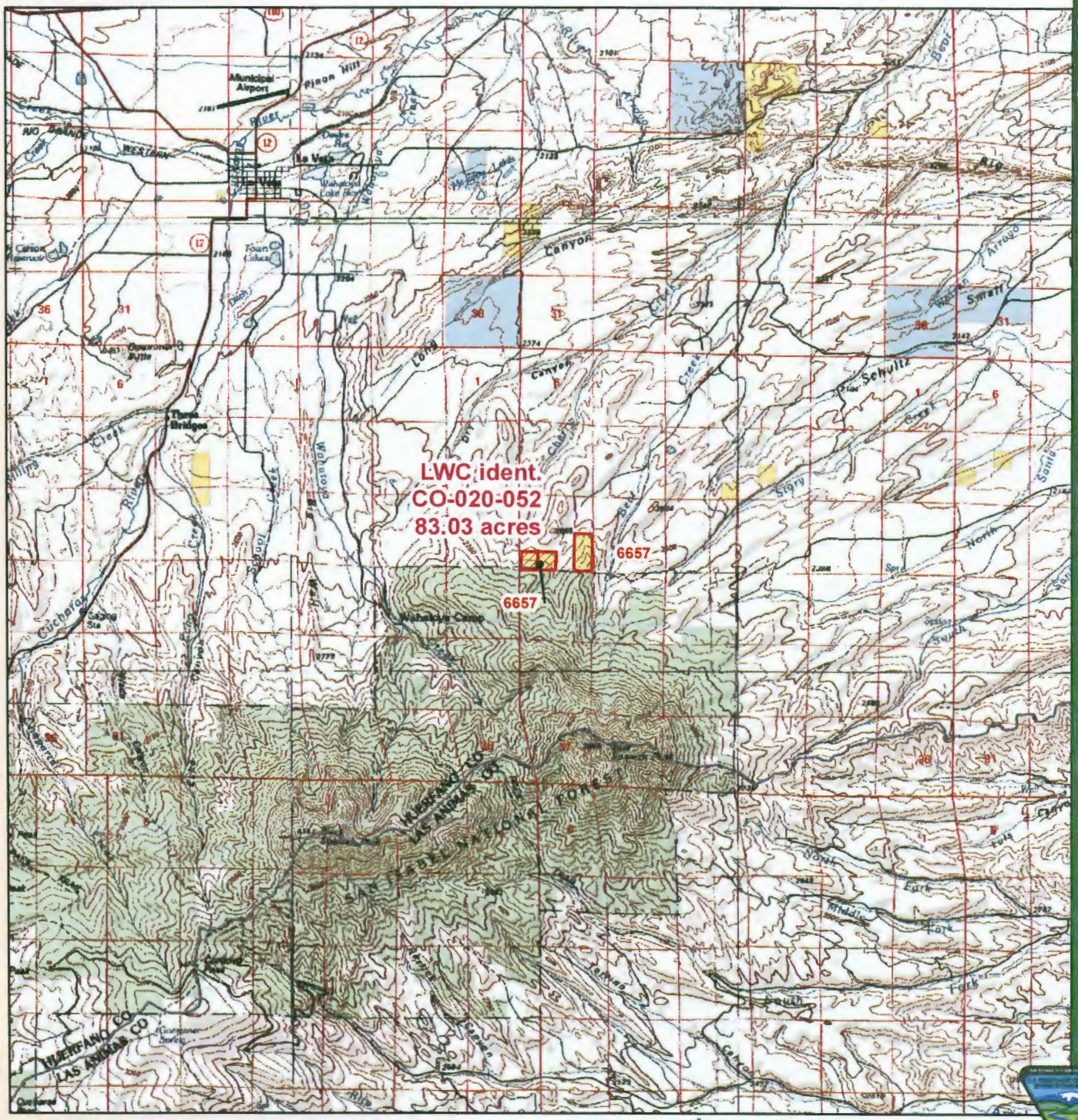

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