

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 (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: _____
 Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): 325 001
 Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____
 BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Front Range District/ Royal Gorge Field Office

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: COF-020-031

Acreage: 74.2 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

The land is smaller than 5,000 acres but is contiguous with the BLM Lower Grape Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office BLM) meeting the size exception 2.a.i.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The south edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
- The north, west, and east edges are bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- No wilderness inventory roads were identified within the unit.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The unit CO-020-031 is located west of Cañon City, Colorado, less than 15 miles away (driving miles). The unit contains 74.2 acres of public land.

The topography is hilly with rough, rocky terrain. The vegetation composition within the unit is primarily piñon-juniper and grassland.

The man-made features found within the unit include a couple "ways". The ways are used for range improvement projects and private access. Motorized use occurs on the ways occasionally. Over story vegetation is sparse near the ways so they are visible throughout most of the unit. The ways imprint on the landscape affect the natural character of the unit.

The intensive inventory revealed that the unit has noticeable imprints of man and the imprint takes away from the overall naturalness to the area. The unit does not have wilderness characteristics.

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 NA

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 _____ NA X

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

Yes X No _____ NA _____

- The unit is located within elk winter range and mule deer severe winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-031

Acreage: 74.2 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the original 74.2 acres do not have wilderness characteristics. The man made features are substantially noticeable throughout the unit. Two identified routes, CO-020-031-A and B are used by motorized vehicles for range use. Due to the lack of vegetative screening around the routes, they have a significant visual impact to the unit.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The south edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
- The north, west, and east edges are bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- It is found in parts of the section listed in the following township;
 - o T. 19 S. R. 71 W. Sec. 8

- 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 _____ NA X _____
- Does the area have supplemental value? Yes X No _____ NA _____

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have 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.

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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: COF-020-031

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-031-A and B

I. LOCATION:

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

Map Title: Unit COF-020-031, Wilderness Characteristic Inventory Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics and routes collected by GPS

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:

CO-020-031-A and B are used as a rangeland/livestock improvements route.

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?

There is no ROW for the routes, CO-020-031-A and B

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes _____ No _____ Unknown or N/A X

Explain:

N/A

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 _____

No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked "no" below X

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes _____ No X

Examples (partial list):

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____ Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe:

It is assumed that the routes have been user created.

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:

No improvements of the routes were noticed during inventory.

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:

No evidence of maintenance on the routes

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:

BLM would not improve the routes if became impassable.

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).

Full size vehicle use and all-terrain vehicle use was observed.

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 = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The routes are used for range purposes; they are not maintained for continuous use.

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PHOTO LOG

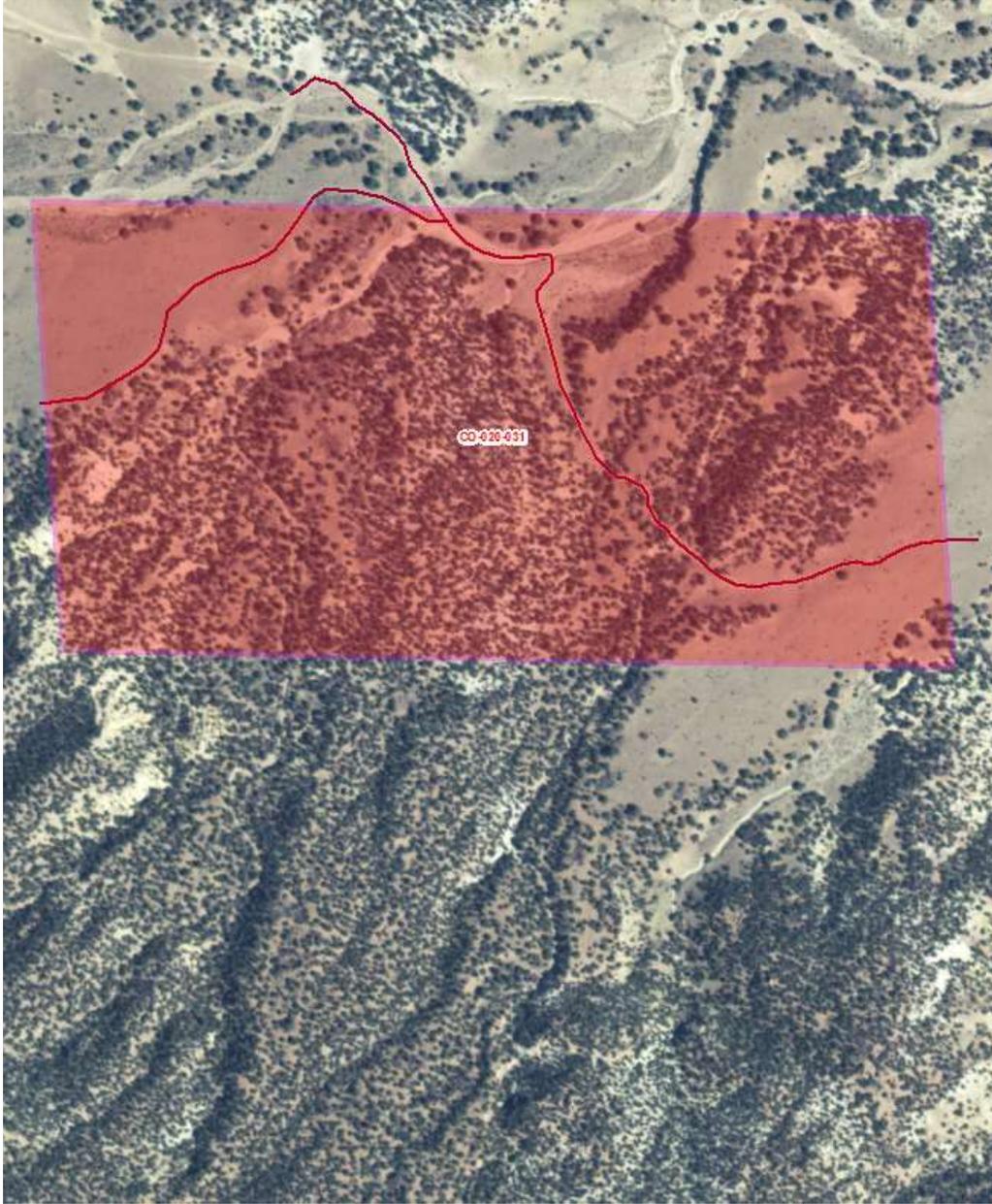
Photographer(s): _____

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-031**

Date	Frame #	Camera Direc.	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #

(add rows as needed)

Photos not included



Esri Arc View Imagery, photo taken: September 11, 2010



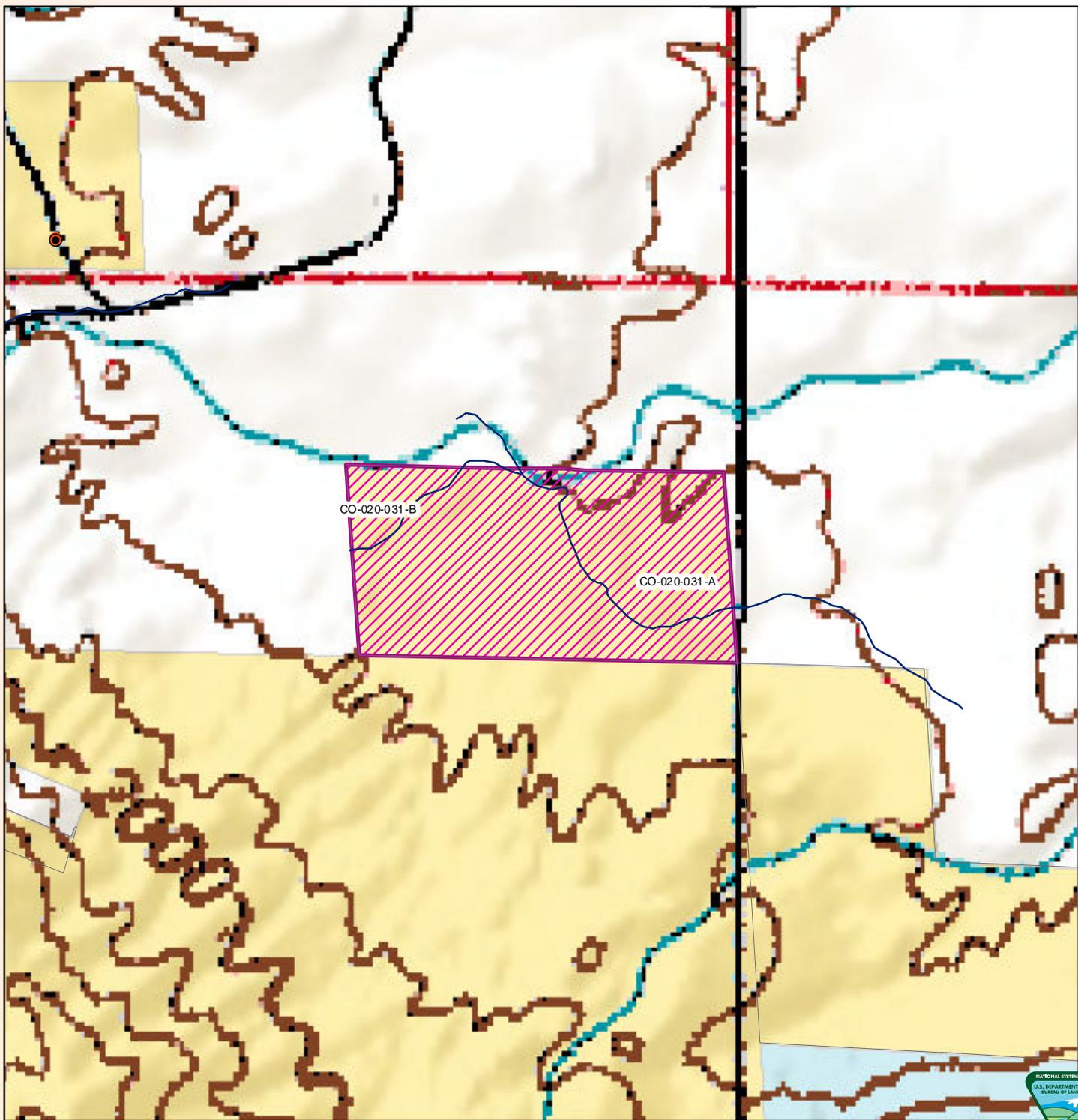
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- Photo points
- Inventoried Routes
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State



COF-020-031 Acreage: 74.2

NOTE TO MAP USERS: No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of the data layers shown on this map. The official land records of the data providers should be checked for current status on any specific tract of land.

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