

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): 049_016
 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-020-066, Cashe Creek

Acreage: 2,996.6 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes ___ No X

The land is smaller than 5,000 acres and the southwest corner of the unit is touching the United States Forest Service (USFS) roadless recommended wilderness area (managed by the Pike/San Isabel National Forest). The BLM lands are not contiguous with the roadless, recommended wilderness area, and do not meet the criteria.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north is bounded by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-066-B;
- The east is bounded by wilderness inventory road US Hwy 24;
- The south edge is bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- The southwest corner is touching the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The west is bounded by property lines other than BLM management.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ___ No ___ NA X

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 X

Description:

None provided.

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

Description:

None provided.

5. Does the area have supplemental values?

Yes ___ No ___ NA X

Description:

Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-066, Cashe Creek

Acreage: 2,996.6 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 2,996.6 acre unit does not meet the size criteria. The southeast corner is touching the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area, but the lands are not contiguous. For this reason, the unit does not have wilderness characteristics.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north is bounded by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-066-B;
 - The east is bounded by wilderness inventory road US Hwy 24;
 - The south edge is bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
 - The southwest corner is touching the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
 - The west is bounded by property lines other than BLM management.
 - The unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
 - o T. 11 S. R. 30 W. Sections 35 and 36
 - o T. 11 S. R. 79 W. Sections: 31
 - o T. 47 N. R. 10 E. Section 2
 - o T. 12 S. R. 79 W. Section 6
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- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes _____ No X
 - Does the area appear natural? Yes _____ No _____ NA X
 - 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 _____ No _____ NA X

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 characteristic.

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-020-066, Cashe Creek
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: US Hwy 24, and CO-020-066-A

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-020-066, Cashe Creek Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics, and routes and photo points 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:

- US Hwy 24 is currently used for general transportation.
- CO-020-066-A is a county road

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes X No Unknown

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

- US Hwy 24 has a ROW association, serial #:
- Co-020-066-A has a ROW association, serial # COC 42318

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

Yes X No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

- US Hwy 24 ROW is still in use
- CO-020-066-A ROS is still in use.

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

- US Hwy 24 is mechanically constructed.
- CO-020-066-A is mechanically constructed.

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 ___ Other ___

Describe:

- US Hwy 24 has been mechanically constructed, paved.
- CO-020-066-A has been mechanically constructed, graveled

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

Yes X If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____

No _____

Examples (partial list):

Culverts ___ Built Stream Crossings ___ Bridges ___ Drainage ___ Barriers ___

Describe:

- US Hwy 24 has mechanical improvements, bridges, culverts
- CO-020-066-A has evidence of mechanical improvements, culverts and drainage ditches.

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 X

No, if both III.B.1 and III.B.2 are checked "no" below _____

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

Yes X If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine X

No _____

Explain:

- US Hwy 24 is mechanically maintained.
- CO-020-066-A is mechanically maintained.

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 X No

Explain:

- US Hwy 24 would be maintained by Colorado Department of Transportation.
- CO-020-066-A would be maintained by Chaffee County.

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

Yes X No

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).

- US Hwy 24 is used for regular use
- CO-020-066-A is used for regular use.

IV. CONCLUSION:

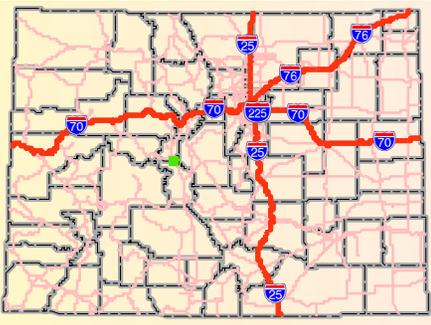
Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining 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

- US Hwy 24 meets the criteria as a wilderness inventory road.
- CO-020-066-A meets the criteria as a wilderness inventory road.

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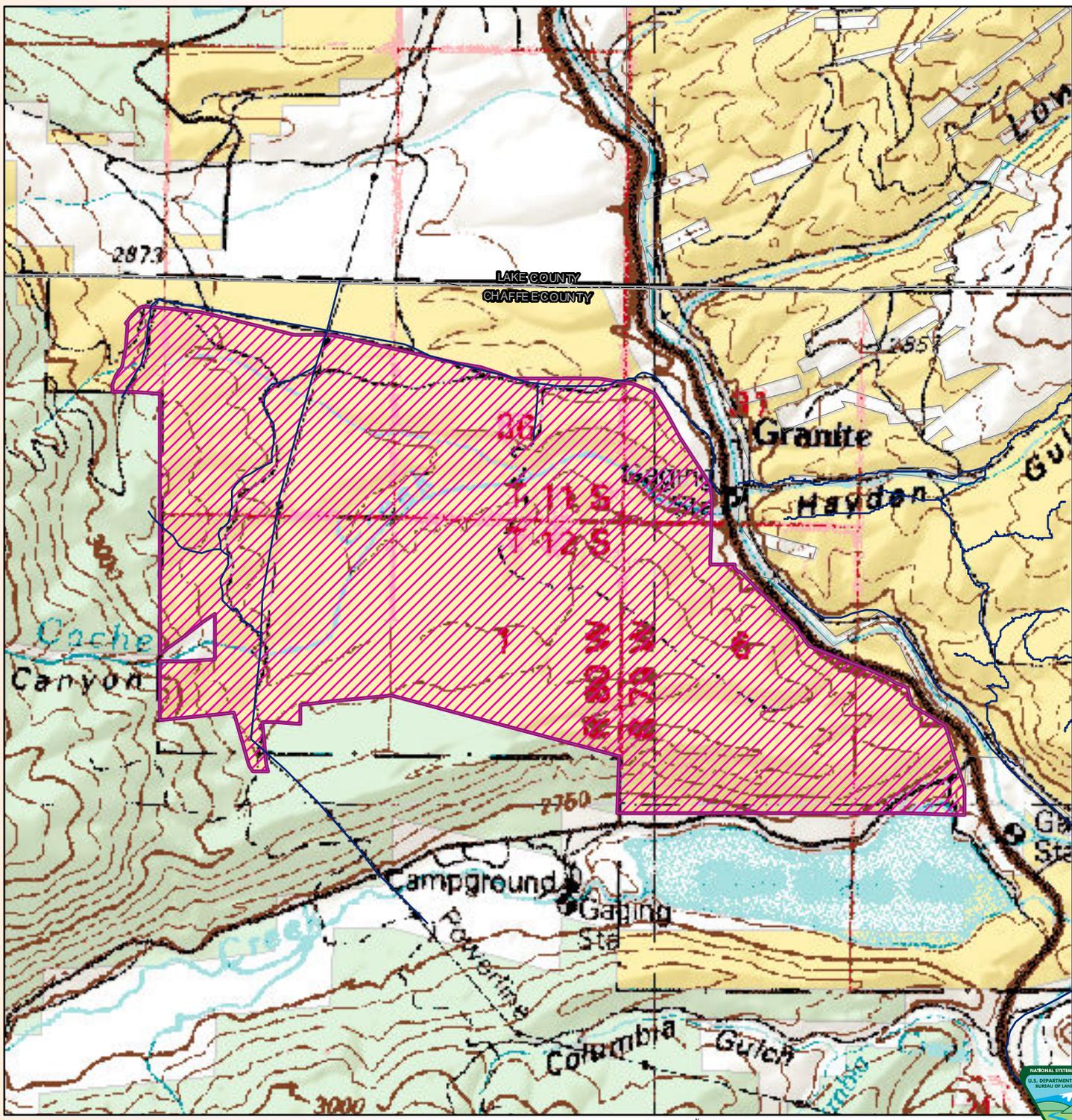
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

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

Surface Land Ownership

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



COF-020-066 Acreage: 2996.6

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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