

# 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: 333\_01\_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Map Name(s)/Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): 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: CO-020-010, Red Rocks Subdivision

Acreage: 142.7 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes  No

This area is contiguous with the Bureau of Land Management Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (managed by the Royal Gorge Filed Office), meeting the size exception 2.a.i.

The unit, CO-020-032, is bounded as follows:

- The BLM Beaver Creek WSA on the north west corner;
- The north, south, and east edge of the unit by property lines other than BLM management.
- No wilderness inventory roads identified within the unit.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  NA

The unit, CO-020-010, is located less than 15 miles from Cañon City, Penrose, and Florence, Colorado with a combined population of 24,500. The Beaver Creek WSA is a popular recreation destination to the nearby residents. The majority of use occurs in the adjacent WSA along Beaver Creek, which is located east of unit. There is no motor vehicle access into unit CO-020-010, so use is limited to foot or equestrian use.

The most substantial feature within the unit is the red rock ridge that is located at the foothills of the Front Range. The red rock ridge offers unique scenery of red sandstone, rocky cliffs. To an observer, the landscape has primarily affected by forces of nature. Vegetation is predominantly piñon-juniper forest.

The 142.7 acres will be considered to have wilderness characteristics due to the adjacency to the Beaver Creek WSA.

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

Description:

Within unit CO-020-010, there is a drainage that bisects the red rock formation. The drainage provides hiking access to the red rocks, which is used by residents of the nearby subdivision. The red rock formation draws recreational use. The red rocks formation provides visual and aural screening. The opportunity for solitude may be outstanding in portions of the unit that provide adequate screening and distance away from the subdivision.

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

Description:

The red rock formations within the unit offer a recreational draw to the area. The unique formations provide opportunities for exploration and other recreational uses. There are no developed recreational facilities in the unit, so any recreational activities are primitive and unconfined.

All access to this unit is by non-motorized/non-mechanized means.

The unit's adjacency to the WSA provides access to a large amount of land. Due to the surrounding private property, public access into the unit through the WSA is challenging. The difficulty to access the unit causes unconfined recreation to be outstanding. The opportunity for vast overland travel is present and therefore recreational opportunities exist.

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

Yes  No  NA

Description:

- The unit contains red rock geology that is found throughout the front range of Colorado,
- The unit contains mule deer winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

## Summary of Analysis

Unique Identifier: COF-020-010, Red Rock Subdivision

Acreage: 142.7 acres

### Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the original 142.7 acres consist of naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. The unit's topographic screening is the primary reason for wilderness character to exist. The unit takes on similar character to the adjacent, Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area.

The 142.7 acre unit is bounded as follows:

- Bureau of Land Management Beaver Creek WSA on the north west corner;
- The north, south, and east edge of the unit by property lines other than BLM management.
- The unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
  - o T. 17 S. R. 68 W. Sec 19

- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the area appear natural? Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the area have supplemental value? Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- X  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 cherry system 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-020-010

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: No routes identified

#### **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-020-010 Wilderness Characteristics Map      Map Date: 2013

Describe:

Map shows parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics.

#### **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 of Route:

Describe:

N/A

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_

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

N/A

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unknown or 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 \_\_\_\_

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Examples (partial list):

Paved \_\_\_\_ Bladed \_\_\_\_ Graveled \_\_\_\_ Roadside Berms \_\_\_\_ Cut/Fill \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Describe:

N/A

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools \_\_\_\_ by Machine \_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_

Describe:

N/A

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 \_\_\_\_

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools \_\_\_\_\_ by Machine \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

Explain:  
N/A

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Explain:

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

N/A

#### 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:

No wilderness inventory roads identified within the unit.

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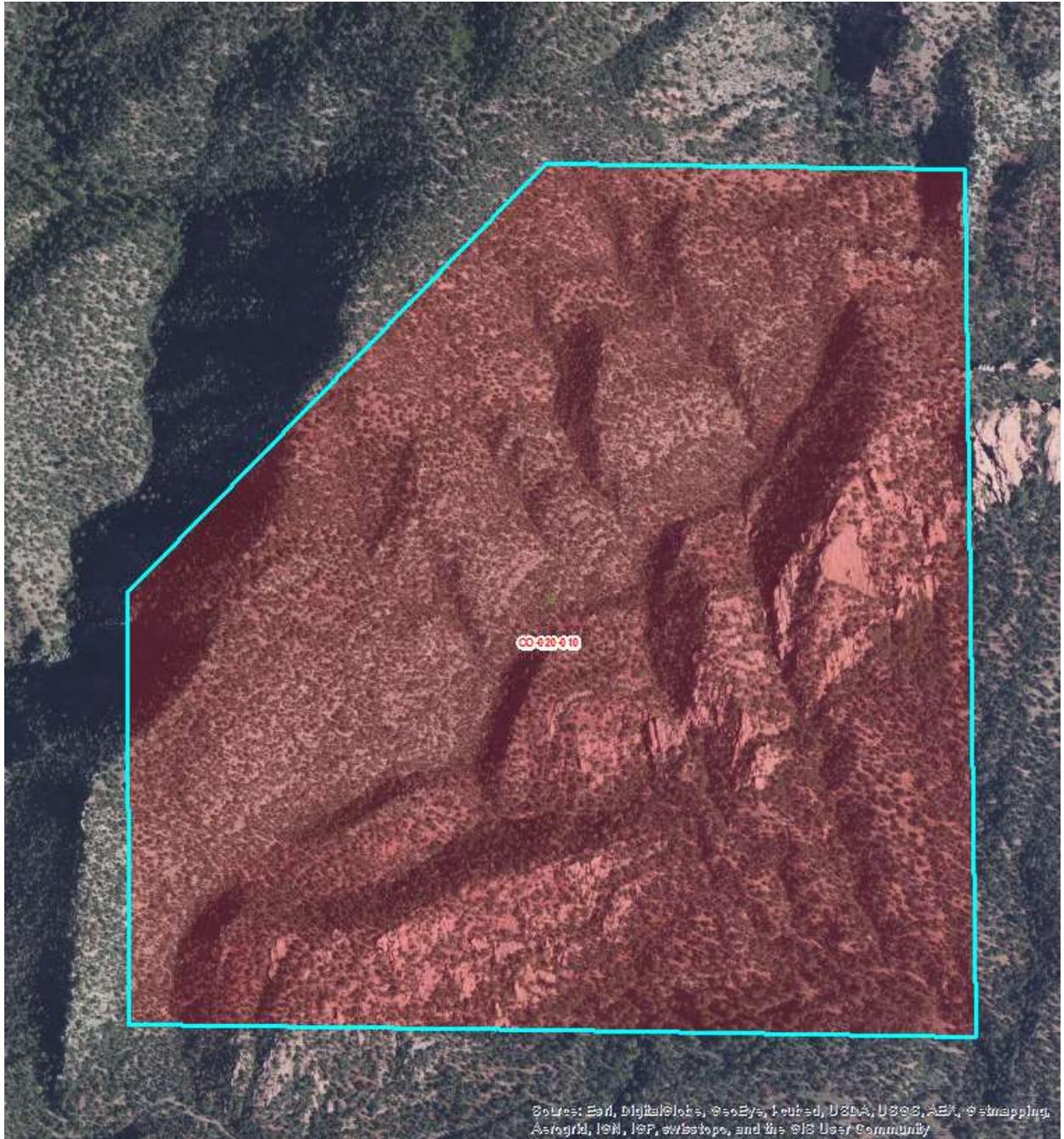
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Photographer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

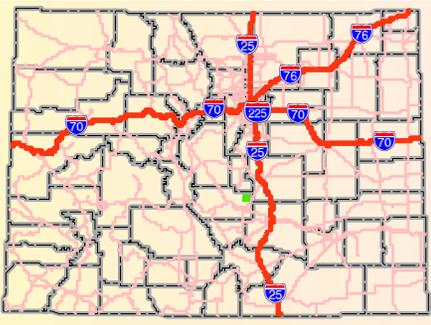
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None Provided



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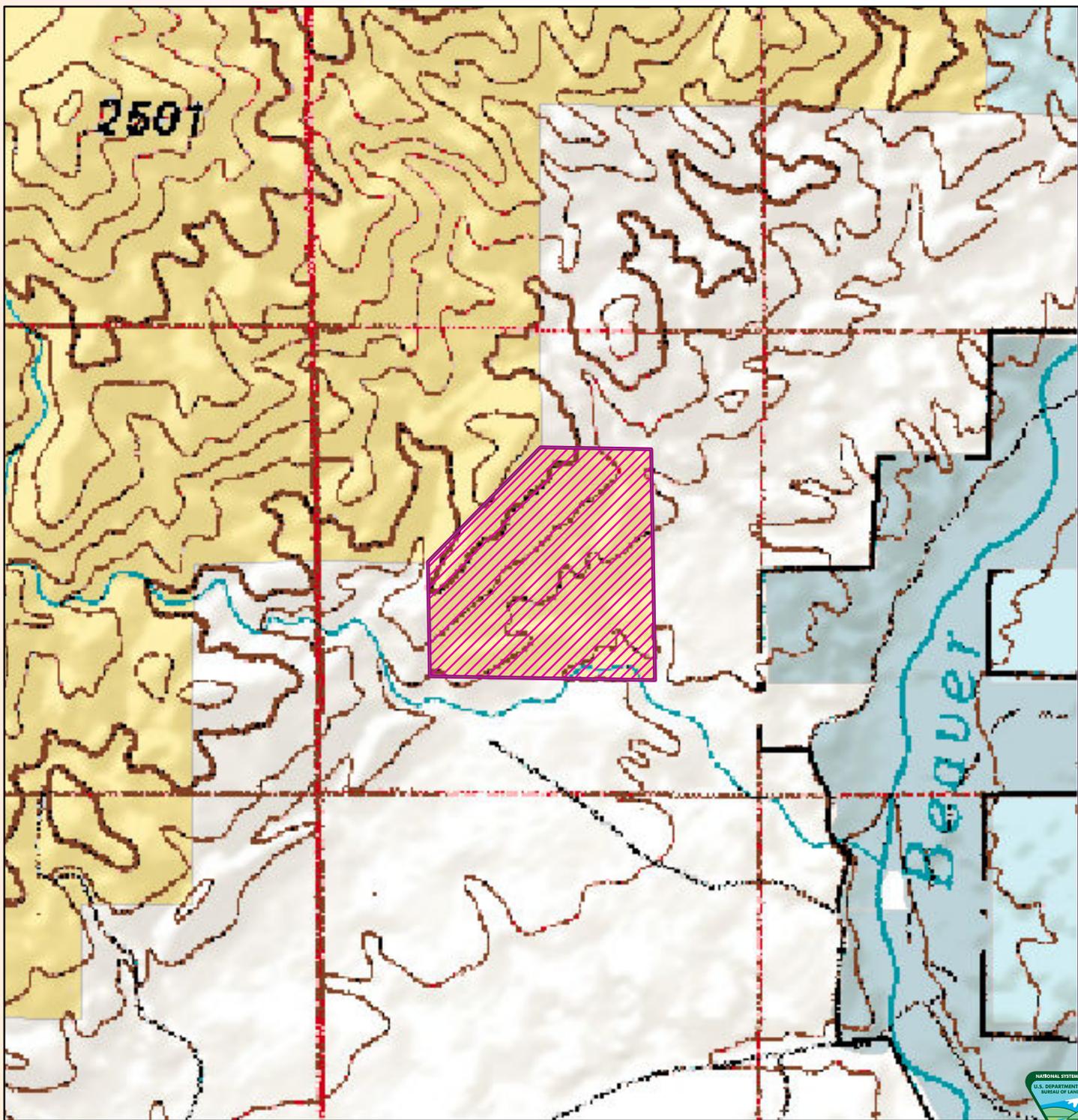
Map Extent Indicator

**Map Features**

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

**Surface Land Ownership**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State
- State, County, City; Areas



**COF-020-010**      Acreage: 142.7

**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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