

# 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): 048-064

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: CO-020-043, Mt Massive North

Acreage: 468.8 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes  No

The lands are smaller than 5,000 acres but are contiguous with the United States Forest Service (USFS) Mount Massive Wilderness Area (managed by the Pike/San Isabel National Forest) meeting the size exception 2.a.i.

The unit, CO-020-043, is bounded as follows:

- USFS Mt Massive Wilderness Area on the west edge;
- The eastern edge is property lines other than BLM management;
- The north edge is bounded by a power line: CO-020-043-A and property lines other than BLM management.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  NA

The unit, CO-020-043, is located less than 10 miles west of Leadville, Colorado. The unit is located south of Turquoise Lake less than 2 miles. The topography of the unit consists of moderate steep hills with a few drainages located within the unit. The vegetation primarily consists of tightly spaced lodge pole pines. The unit consists of 468.8 acres of public land.

The unit contains multiple routes within the unit. It is assumed the routes were originally constructed for timber harvest. They appear to have been mechanically constructed, perhaps by a bull dozer. The routes can be found in most of the drainages within the unit. Currently the routes are used by off-highway vehicles (OHVs) for recreation purposes. The route's constructed nature and amount of public use is a visual and audible impact. The disturbance significantly impacts the natural character of the unit.

The northern boundary is defined by a power line, a part of the Ark-Frying Pan water project. The area around the power line has been logged and has a maintained road to access the line. Disturbance around the power line is a visual disturbance and impacts the naturalness of the unit. 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 X

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?

Yes X No \_\_\_ NA \_\_\_

- The unit is located within the Tennessee Pass Lynx Analysis Unit and contains primary lynx habitat.

## Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-043 Mt Massive N

Acreage: 438.8 acres

### Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 438.8 acre unit does not consist of naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. The accumulation of mechanically built and maintained routes affects the natural character of the unit. The unit does not have wilderness characteristics.

The unit, CO-020-043, is bounded as follows:

- USFS Mount Massive Wilderness Area on the west edge;
- The eastern edge is property lines other than BLM management;
- The north edge is bounded by a power line: CO-020-043-A and property lines other than BLM management.
- The unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
  - o T. 9 81 W. Sections 24, 25 and 36

- 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
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Check one:

- The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics.
- X  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-020-043

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-043-A and CO-020-043-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-020-043, Wilderness Characteristics 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 of Route:

Describe:

- CO-020-043-A: is a water line for the Ark/ Frying Pan water project.
- CO-020-043-B: Is an administrative route for the power line, and is currently used for recreational purposes.

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?

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

Yes  No  Unknown or N/A

Explain:

Water line, CO-020-043-A has a ROW association, serial #, C 00865 J, the ROW is still in use.

Route, CO-020-043-B does not have a ROW association.

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:

- Water line, CO-020-043-A was mechanically constructed, possibly bladed.
- Route, CO-020-043-B was mechanically constructed, possibly by bull dozer.

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

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

No

Examples (partial list):

Culverts\_\_\_ Built Stream Crossings\_\_\_ Bridges\_\_\_ Drainage\_\_\_ Barriers\_\_\_

Describe:

- Power line, CO-020-043-A has mechanical improvements such as drainage and clearing of trees and vegetation.
- Route, CO-020-043-B has evidence of mechanical improvements such as drainage. Added into the route.

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:

- Power line, CO-020-043-A has evidence of mechanical maintenance.
- Route, CO-020-043-B has evidence of mechanical maintenance.

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:

- Power line, CO-020-043-A would be improved by the ROW holder if needed.
- Route, CO-020-043-b would not be improved by the BLM if became impassable, it would be most likely improved by the ROW holder.

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).

- Water line, CO-020-043-A does not receive continuous use.
- CO-020-043-B receives use, 10-20 times a day.

#### 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      X   = Wilderness Inventory Road

Water line, CO-020-043-A is a “wilderness inventory road”

No      X   = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Route, CO-02-043-B does not meet the criteria to be a “wilderness inventory road”.

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Date: August 27, 2013

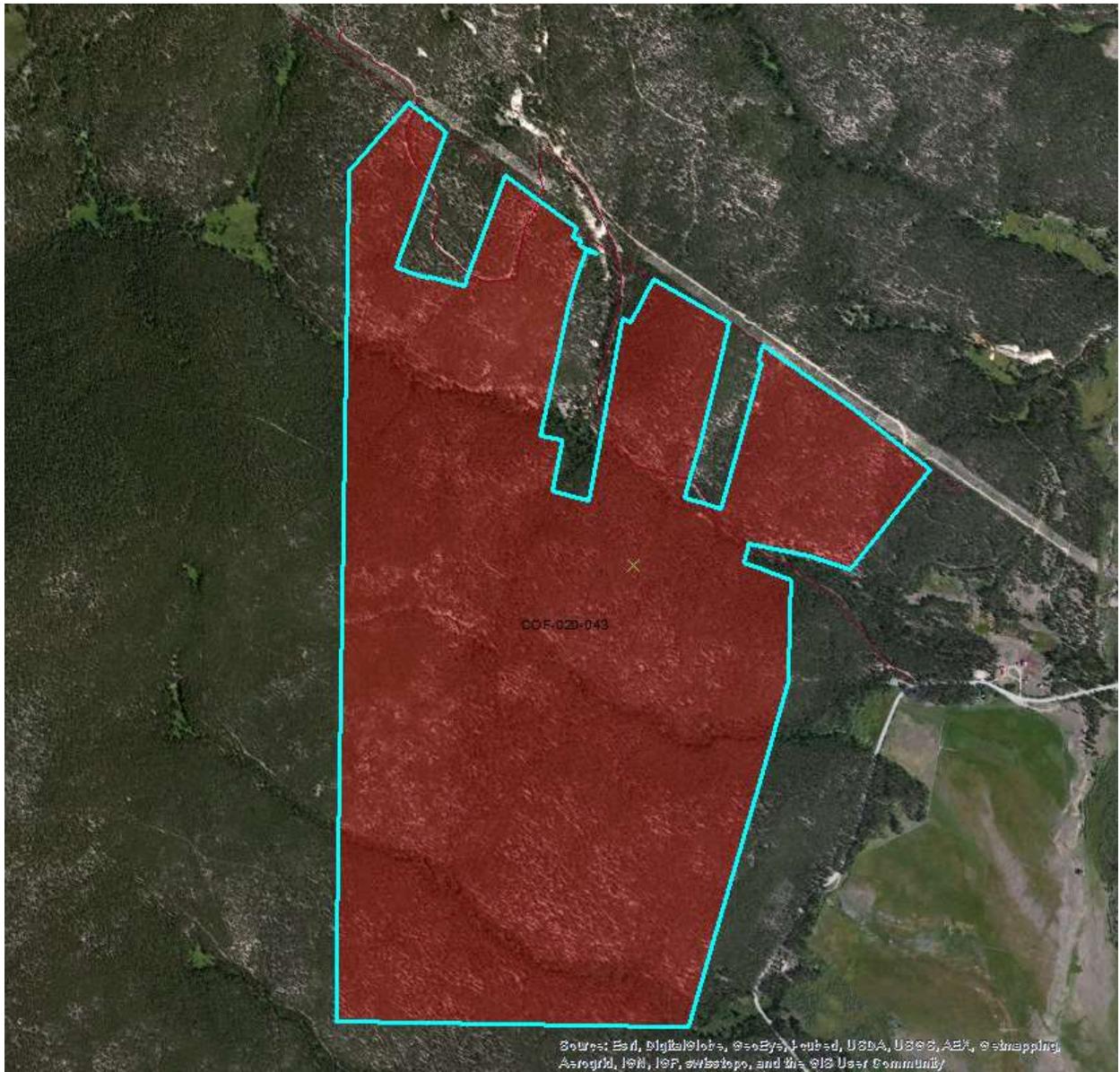
## PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s):

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-043**

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None provided



Imagery provided by Esri Arc map, photo taken August 12, 2011



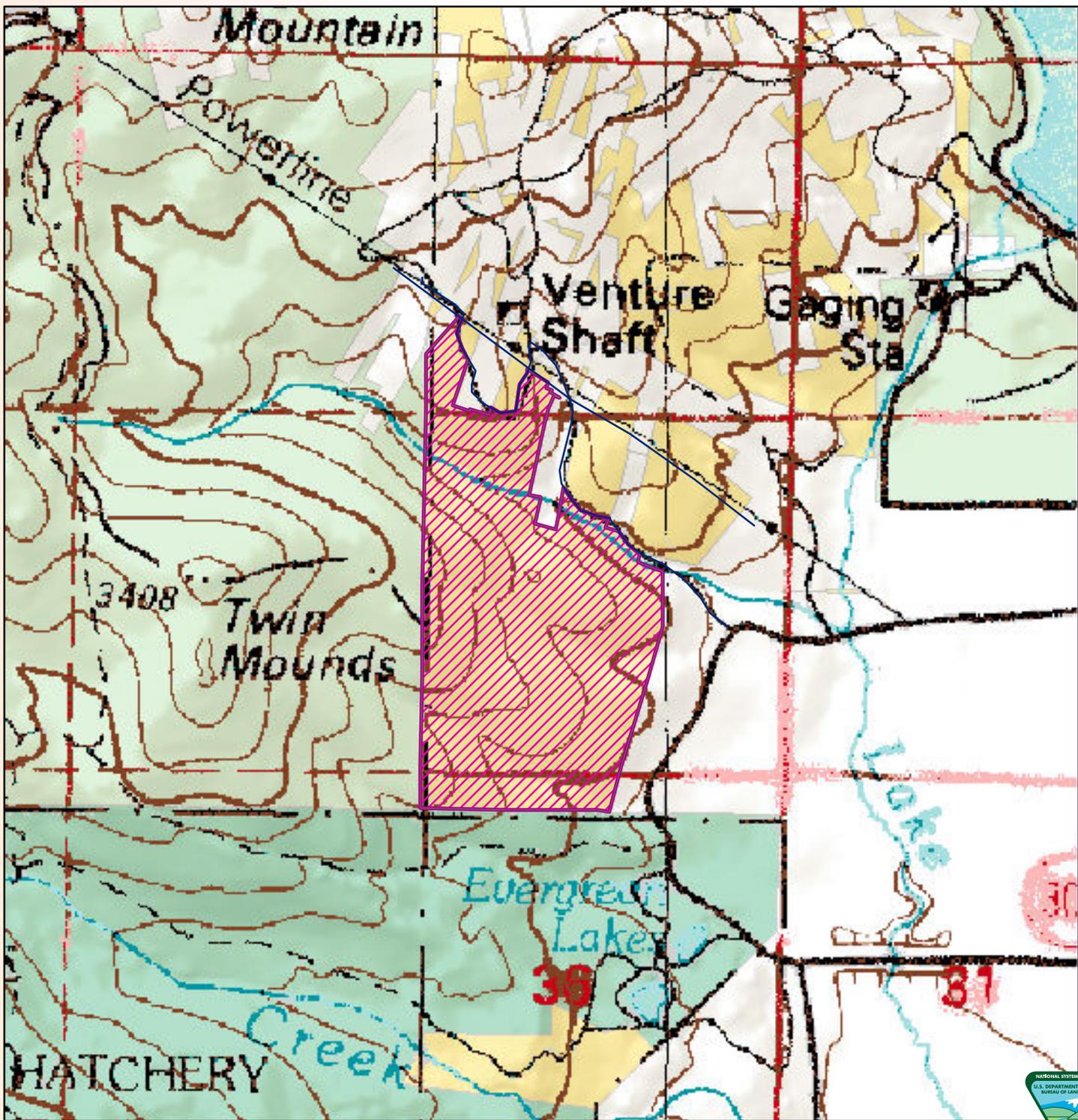
Map Extent Indicator

**Map Features**

- Inventoried Routes
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

*Surface Land Ownership*

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service



**COF-020-043**

Acreage: 398.5

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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