

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): _____
 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-020-020

Acreage: 66.3

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes No

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

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The south west edge is bounded by the BLM Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA);
- The north and east boundary is based on property lines other than BLM management;
- No wilderness inventoried roads are found within the unit.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The unit consists of 66.3 acres of public land. It is located less than 15 miles north east of Canon City, CO and less than 10 miles south east of Victor, Colorado.

The topography of the unit is mountainous, with steep rocky hillsides. The unit is mostly southwest facing, toward a steep drainage. The unit ranges in elevation from 8,700 feet near the north eastern edge to 8,200 feet near the southern edge. The unit is heavily forested with tall ponderosa pines, and gambel oak. Some semi-arid riparian vegetation can be found along the unknown drainage.

The area appears to primarily been effected by forces of nature. The land is mostly used for range land management. Stock trails and a coral exist within the unit. There is evidence of historic logging. Slash piles and stumps are visible, but weathering. The man-made impacts of the area are minimal, and do not affect the natural character of the unit.

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

Outstanding opportunities for solitude exist throughout the unit. The topographic relief and thick vegetation allows for visual and audible screening from human made disturbances. The lack of motorized routes in the area allows for foot or equestrian access. The unit is difficult to access and does have evidence of visitor use.

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 X No _____ NA _____

The unit provides outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation due to the unique topography, undeveloped facilities, and non-motorized recreation possibilities. The unit provides for excellent recreation possibilities, such as hiking, sightseeing, hunting, wildlife viewing, and photography. The adjacent Beaver Creek WSA lands offer a vast amount of lands to explore, if a visitor was so inclined to do so.

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 Mexican spotted owl critical habitat.
- The unit contains mule deer winter range and elk severe winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis

Unique Identifier: COF-020-020

Acreage: 66.3 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 66.3 acres contain naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. Lack of established facilities, mountainous terrain, and thick vegetation allow for outstanding opportunities to exist.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The south west edge is bounded by the BLM Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA);
 - The north and east boundary is based on property lines other than BLM management;
 - The unit can be found in the following townships:
 - o T. 16 S. R. 69 W. Sections 27 and 34
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- 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 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-020-020

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: N/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: COF-020-020 Wilderness Characteristics Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcels inventoried for wilderness characteristics along with GPS photo points.

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:

No routes were found within the unit.

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 ___

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 _____

N/A

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

Yes ___ No _____

N/A

A.1. (Part 2) Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes _____ No _____

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

Yes _____

No _____

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 ____

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:

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

No routes found within the unit

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PHOTO LOG

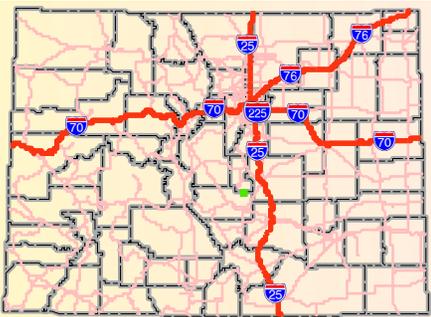
Photographer(s): **Janine Prout/ Recreation Technician**

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

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	UTM Zone 13	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
7/3/2013	DSC03716	SW	Typical view of unit	N 4,274,849.98206 E 492,122.802387	16 S.	69 W.	27	1



#1 typical view of unit, facing south west



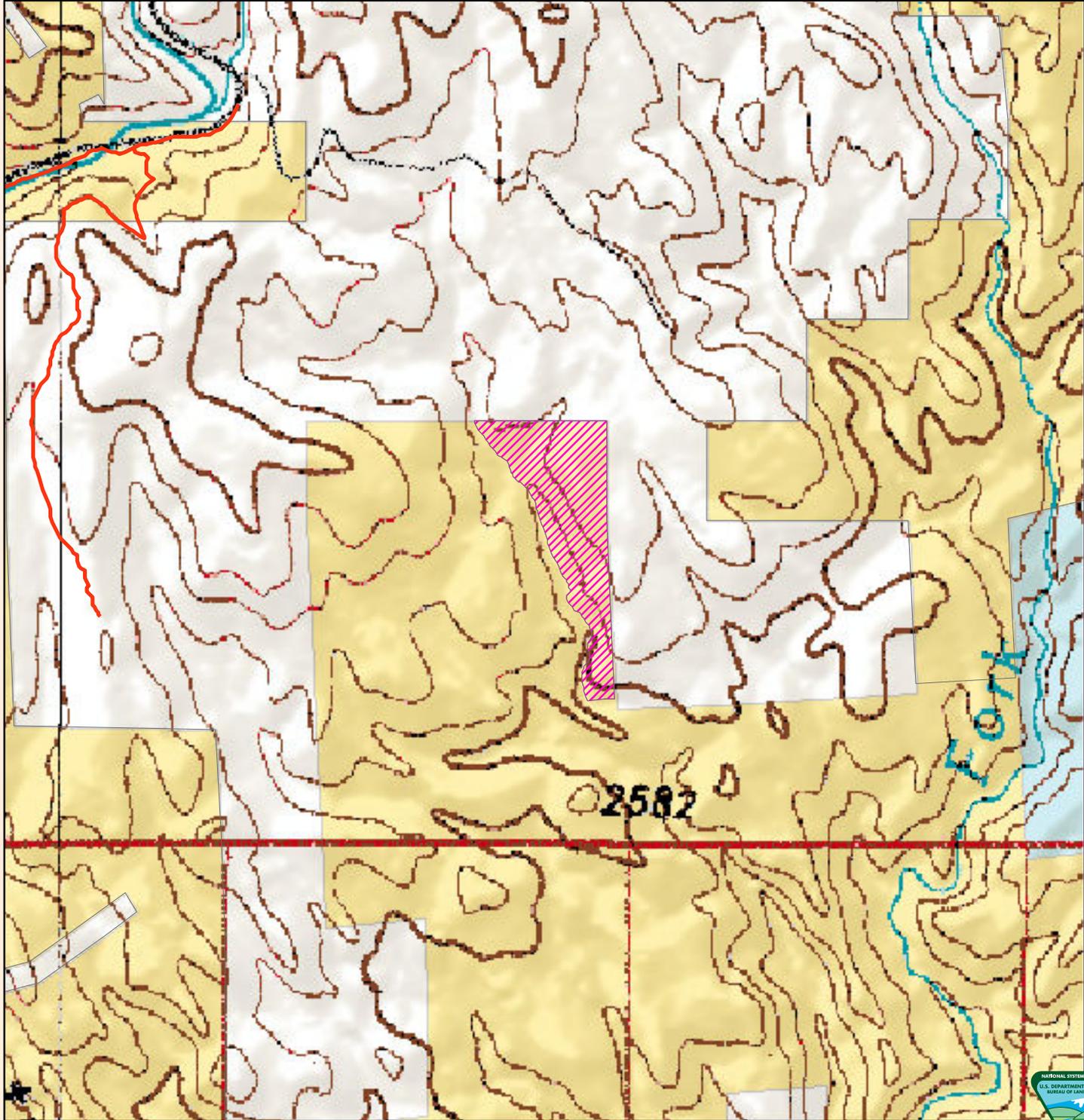
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- Inventoried Routes
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State



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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 records of the data providers should be checked for current status on any specific tract of land.

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