

# 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: 1980 Wilderness Study Report  
 Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): 310\_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)
CO-020-014	Y	N	N	N	N

(add rows as needed)

## Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-023, Goat Park

Acreage: 137.8 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 north edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
- The south edge is bounded by wilderness inventory road CO-020-023-A;
- The east and west corners of the unit are bounded by property lines other than BLM management.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  NA

The unit is located less than a ½ hour drive southwest from Cañon City, CO. Unit COF-020-023 is located on the western edge of Lower Grape Creek WSA. The unit contains 137.8 acres of public land.

The unit is mostly north east facing, along a treed slope. The northeastern portion of the unit consists of a forested ridge forming the high point at 8,200 feet. The vegetation is mostly Ponderosa pine, with some piñon–juniper.

Within the unit, an old constructed way was found, CO-020-023-B. It is assumed it was built for timber harvesting, evidence of construction is found through blade cuts on hillsides, but the route has mostly grown over and is hard to distinguish. Route CO-020-023-B does not have a significant effect on naturalness.

On the northeastern section of the unit, near the private property line, there are routes that have been used by off highway vehicles (OHVs). There is no recent use, and tracks could heal naturally if left undisturbed.

Unit COF-020-023 has primarily been affected by forces of nature.

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

Solitude can be found throughout the unit due to topographic screening. The steep hillside and ridge found within the unit is thick with vegetative cover.

The only access road, CO-020-023-A, is blocked to public access, therefore, not many people travel to the unit. Visitor use by horse and foot occurs, but very few people visit the unit allowing for outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

Within the unit, recreational opportunities include hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and hunting. Outstanding opportunities exist for sightseeing ecologic features within the Lower Grape Creek WSA. The many hills and ridge tops provide vantage points for photography. The varied contours within the unit provide for interesting and compelling recreation opportunities, if a visitor was so inclined to explore.

5. Does the area have supplemental values)?

Yes  No  NA

Description:

- The unit contains mule deer and elk winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

## Summary of Analysis

Unique Identifier: COF-020-023, Goat Park

Acreage: 137.8

### Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 137.8 acres consists naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. The unit's topography and thick vegetation allow for outstanding opportunities to exist.

The unit, COF-020-023, Goat Park, is bounded as follows:

- The north edge is bounded by BLM Lower Grape Creek WSA;
  - The south edge is bounded by wilderness inventory road CO-020-023-A;
  - The east and west corners of the unit are bounded by property lines other than BLM management.
  - The legal description is as follows:
    - o T. 19 S. R. 72 W. Sections 19, 20 and 28.
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- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes  No
  - Does the area appear natural? Yes  No  NA
  - Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes  No  NA
  - Does the area have supplemental value? Yes  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-020-023, Goat Park  
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-023-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-020-023, Goat Park, Wilderness Characteristics 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:**

CO-020-023-A is used to access a private inholding and mining claim. (Fremont

County Road 20X).

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

Route, CO-020-023-A has a ROW associated with it through Fremont County, it is unknown if the road has been abandoned by Fremont County, serial # C 44142.

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

Route CO-020-023-A has evidence of mechanical construction; evidence of cut/fill is on the hill sides.

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

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

No

Route, CO-020-023-A has evidence of hand tool use to clear vegetation from 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

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

No recent maintenance was observed on route CO-020-023-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:

BLM would maintain the route, CO-020-023-A if it became impassable due to administrative access designated in the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006).

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).

The route, CO-020-0230A, is closed to public access due to no legal access from private property. Private land in goat park is accessed by land owner using this route. The route has use 10-15 times a month.

#### 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:

Route, CO-020-023-A is a wilderness inventory route, due to the associated ROW, and designated BLM administrative access.

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## PHOTO LOG

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

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-023, Goat Park**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Frame #</b>	<b>Camera Direc.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>GPS/UTM Location</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Sec.</b>	<b>Photo Point #</b>
6/20/2013	DSC03688	E	Rock outcroppings, scenic	See map	19 S.	72 W.	22	1
6/20/2013	DSC03675	NE	OHV route on private leading into BLM	See map	19 S	72 W.	26	2
6/20/2013	DSC03689	N	Route condition, logging/mining route	See map	19 S	72 W.	27	3



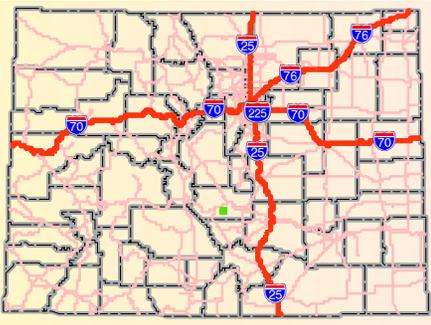
#1 OHV route condition



#2 rock outcroppings



#3 logging route



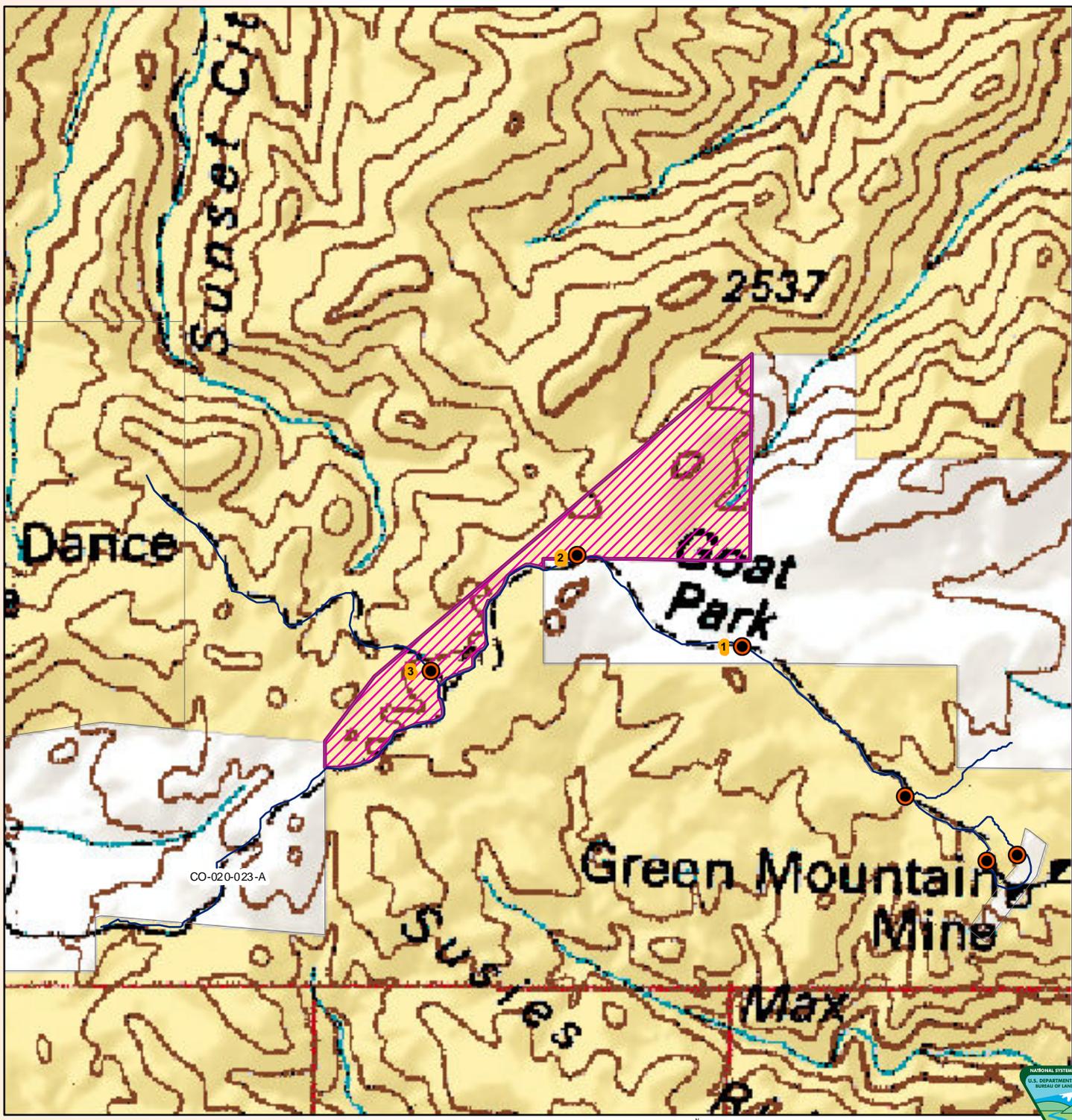
Map Extent Indicator

**Map Features**

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

*Surface Land Ownership*

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private



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

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