

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): 003-005
 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) | | | | | |
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| 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) |
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(add rows as needed)

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

Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-068, Two Creek

Acreage: 1,293.7 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes No

The land is smaller than 5,000 acres but is contiguous with the United States Forest Service (USFS) roadless recommended wilderness (managed by the Pike/San Isabel National Forest) meeting the size exception 2.a.i.

The unit, COF-020-069, is bounded as follows:

- The western edge is defined by the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The north, central, and south edges are bounded by property line other than BLM management;
- The north eastern corner is defined by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Road 11;
- The eastern edge is defined by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Rd 12;
- The southeast corner is defined by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-068-C.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The Two Creek unit, COF-020-068, is located less than 35 miles northwest of Cañon City, Colorado (measured to the nearest point). The unit is located north of Cotopaxi, Colorado less land 20 miles and north east of Salida, Colorado, less than 15 miles (measured to the nearest point). The unit is located northeast of Badger Creek and north of Jack Hall Mountain. The topography of the unit is mountainous, steep, with rocky hillsides and a few open parks. The elevation ranges from 8,200 feet along Two creek, to 9,800 near the northeast corner of the unit. The vegetation found within the unit includes ponderosa pine, Engelmann Spruce, Douglas Fir, and aspen and montane grasslands.

The man-made features that exist on the ground include multiple routes. Routes CO-020-068-A is used for range access and access to private inholdings. The routes have been mechanically constructed, and are regularly used. Motorized public access is allowed on the routes; therefore, the routes see much use, and evidence of primitive camping is visible along the route. The routes have a significant impact to the naturalness of the unit.

Another route, CO-020-068-D is a motorized route that is accessible to the public. The route has use from recreational activities such as camping and hunting. The route is located in an open field with little vegetation screening. Due to the routes visibility and motorized use, it is a significant disturbance in the area.

Historic homesteads are located along Two Creek. The historic properties include Historic buildings, foundations, and coral. The historic property adds supplemental value to the unit.

Significant range use can be visible along Two Creek. Stock ponds, cattle trails, and riparian enclosures are located along the creek. The range use does not have an impact of naturalness to the area.

The significant imprints of man found within the unit affects the overall naturalness of the area. The motorized use, and mechanically built routes are a significant impact to the landscape. The unit does not possess 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

Description:

N/A

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:

N/A

5. Does the area have supplemental values?

Yes X No ___ NA ___

Description:

- The unit is located within an elk production area, elk severe winter range, and mule deer winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis:

Unique identifier: COF-020-068, Two Creek

Acreage: 1,293.7

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 1,293.7 acre unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. The accumulative impact of the man-made feature found within the unit affect the natural character to the unit.

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 - The eastern edge is defined by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Rd 12;
 - The southeast corner is defined by wilderness inventory road, CO-020-068-CThe unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
 - o T. 51 N. R. 11 E. Section 32
 - o T. 50 N. R. 11 E. Sections: 5, 6, 7, 8
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- 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 X NA _____
 - Does the area have supplemental value? Yes X No _____ NA _____

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-020-068, Two Creek Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Fremont CR 12, Fremont CR 11, CO-020-068-A, CO-020-068-B, CO-020-068-C, CO-020-068 D.

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-020-068, Two Creek Wilderness 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 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:

- Fremont CR 12: Is currently used for regular transportation through Fremont County.
- Fremont CR 11: Is currently used for regular transportation through Fremont County.
- CO-020-068-A: Is currently used for rangeland/livestock improvements such as fences, springs, corals, and spring developments. It is also used to access private inholdings.
- CO-020-068-B: Is currently used for recreation access into state lands.
- CO-020-068-C: Is currently used to access private inholdings, and is an access for recreational use.
- CO-020-068-D: Is use for recreational access.

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:

- Fremont CR 12: Has a ROW associated with it, serial #: COC 44142to Fremont County.
- Fremont CR 11: Has a ROW associated with it, serial #: COC 44142to Fremont County.
- CO-020-068-C: Has a ROW associated with it, serial # COC 55896, a reciprocal easement.

- CO-020-068-A: Does not have a ROW associated with it.
- CO-020-068-B: Does not have a ROW associated with it.
- CO-020-068-D: Does not have a ROW associated with it.

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

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?
Yes X No

Describe:

- Fremont CR 12: Has evidence of mechanical construction, bladed and graveled.
- Fremont CR 11: Has evidence of mechanical construction, bladed, cut/fill.
- CO-020-068-A: Has evidence of mechanical construction, bladed.
- CO-020-068-C: Has evidence of mechanical construction, bladed.

- CO-020-068-D: Does not have evidence of mechanical construction.
- CO-020-068-B: Does not have evidence of mechanical construction, possibly user created.

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

- Yes X If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools by Machine X
- Fremont CR 12: has evidence of mechanical improvements, such as adding drainage and culverts. Yearly maintenance.
 - Fremont CR 11: has evidence of mechanical improvements, such as recent blading.
 - CO-020-068-C: Has evidence of mechanical improvements, possible dozer.

A.2 No X

- CO-020-068-A: Does not have evidence of recent mechanical improvements.
- CO-020-068-B: Does not have evidence of recent mechanical improvements.
- CO-020-068-D: Does not have evidence of recent mechanical improvements.

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

- Fremont CR 12: Is maintained for regular and continuous use.
- Fremont CR 11: Is maintained for regular and continuous use.

B.1.: No X

- CO-020-068-A: is not maintained for regular and continuous use.
- CO-020-068-B: is not maintained for regular and continuous use.
- CO-020-068-C: is not maintained for regular and continuous use.
- CO-020-068-D: is not maintained for regular and continuous use.

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

Explain:

- Fremont CR 12: The route would be maintained if became impassable.
- Fremont CR 11: The route would be maintained if became impassable.
- CO-020-068-A: The route would be maintained if became impassable.
- CO-020-068-C: The route would be maintained if became impassable.
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No X

- CO-020-068-B: Would not be maintained if became impassable.
- CO-020-068-D: Would not be maintained if became impassable.

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).

- Fremont CR 12: Has regular and continuous use, approximately 50 times per day.
- Fremont CR 11: Has regular use, approximately 15 times per day.
- CO-020-068-A: Does not have regular and continuous use.
- CO-020-068-B: Does not have regular and continuous use.
- CO-020-068-C: Does not have regular and continuous use.

- CO-020-068-D: Does not have regular and continuous 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 X = Wilderness Inventory Road

Explain:

- Fremont CR 12: Meets the wilderness inventory road criteria.
- Fremont CR 11: Meets the wilderness inventory road criteria.
- CO-020-068-C: Meets the wilderness inventory road criteria.

No X = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

- CO-020-068-A: Does not meet the wilderness inventory road criteria.
- CO-020-068-B: Does not meet the wilderness inventory road criteria.
- CO-020-068-D: Does not meet the wilderness inventory road criteria.

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PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): JProut/ Recreation Technician

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-068, Two Creek**

| Date | Frame # | Camera Direc. | Description | GPS/UTM Location | Town-ship | Range | Sec. | Photo Point # |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 4/11/2012 | Talla_061 | N | Beginning of route | See map | 51 N. | 11 E. | 33 | 1 |
| 4/11/2012 | Talla_062 | NW | Metal gate at beginning of route | See map | 51 N. | 11 E. | 33 | 2 |
| 8/28/2012 | DSC03416 | N | Route condition | See map | 50 N. | 11 E. | 6 | 3 |
| 8/28/2012 | DSC03417 | SE | Campfire ring | See map | 50 N. | 11 E. | 6 | 4 |
| 8/28/2012 | DSC03418 | E | Fence/ cattle gate | See map | 50 N. | 11 E. | 6 | 5 |
| 8/28/2012 | DSC03419 | E | Campfire ring | See map | 50 N. | 11 E. | 6 | 6 |
| 8/28/2012 | DSC03421 | N | Cabin | See map | 50 N. | 11 E. | 6 | 7 |
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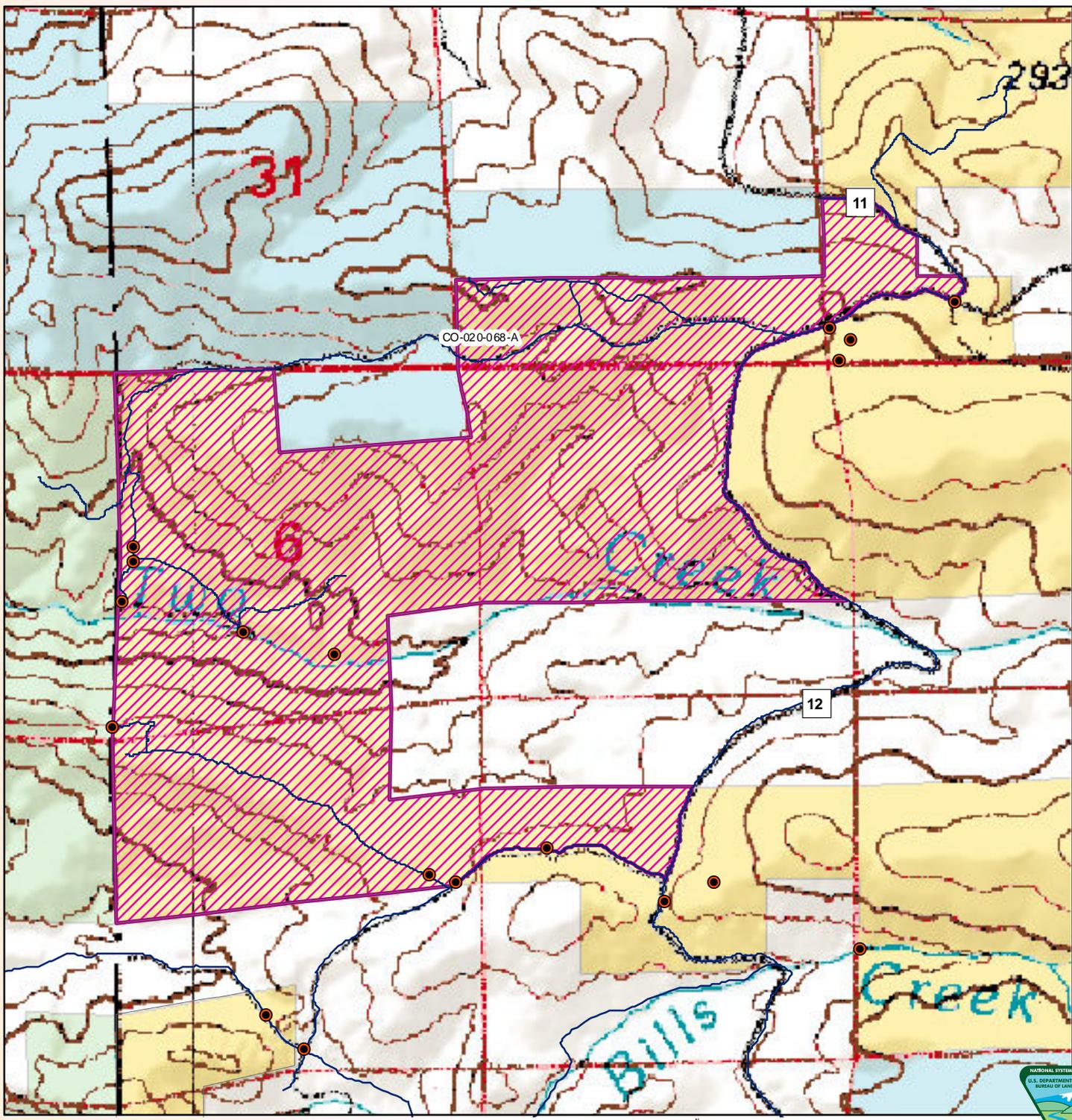
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

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

Surface Land Ownership

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



COF-020-068 Acreage: 1293.7

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