

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): 049 097
 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-020-081, Thirty-Nine Mile Mountain

Acreage: 159.4 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes No

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

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north edge is bounded by the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The west, south, and east edges are bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- No wilderness inventory roads were identified within the unit.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The unit, COF-020-081 is located approximately 6 miles north west from Guffey, Colorado (measured to the nearest point). Other nearby cities include, Hartsel, Colorado, located northwest approximately 25 miles, and Canon City, Colorado, located less than 35 miles southeast of the unit (measured to the nearest point). The unit is located north of Hwy 9 and current creek, less than one mile away. The unit contains 159.4 acres of public land.

The unit consists of a south facing slope with sparsely vegetated hills and valleys. The elevation of the unit varies from 9,500 feet to 10,000 feet. The vegetation is mainly comprised of subalpine grasslands, with few ponderosa pines.

The unit has primarily been affected by forces of nature. A two track route, CO-020-081-A was identified within the unit. The two track route is used for rangeland management and has not been mechanically constructed or maintained. The route does not affect the natural character to 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 X NA ____

The unit's sparse vegetation and open terrain do not allow for solitude to exist within the unit. It is easy to view the entire unit throughout any aspect inside the unit. Also, the open terrain allows for other homes and roads outside of the unit are apparent audible and visual disturbances. Due to the open terrain, solitude does not exist within the unit.

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 X NA ____

The unit does not provide for outstanding primitive recreation opportunities to exist due to the motorized route found in the middle of the unit. Primitive recreation activities such as hiking and camping exist, but are not outstanding.

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 contains 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-020-081, Cottonwood Creek

Acreage: 159.4 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 159.4 acre unit does not have wilderness characteristics due to the lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation. The unit's sparse vegetation cover and proximity to private residences and busy state highway affect the solitude and primitive recreation opportunities within the unit.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north edge is bounded by the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The west, south, and east edges are bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- The legal description is as follows:
 - o T. 14 S. R.73 W. Section 20.

- 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-020-081,
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-081-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-020-081, 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 (if any) 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:

The current purpose of route, CO-020-081-A is used for rangeland improvement projects.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

Yes _____ No X 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 X

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 X

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

Yes _____ No X

It appears route, CO-020-081-A, was user created.

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

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

No X

No recent improvements have been observed on route, CO-020-081-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 X

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

Yes ____ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ____

No X

Route, CO-020-081-A has no evidence of recent 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 ____ No X

The BLM would not maintain route, CO-020-081-A if it became impassable.

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

Yes ____ No X

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-020-081-A is not maintained for 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 = Wilderness Inventory Road
No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

Route, CO-020-081-A is not a wilderness inventory road.

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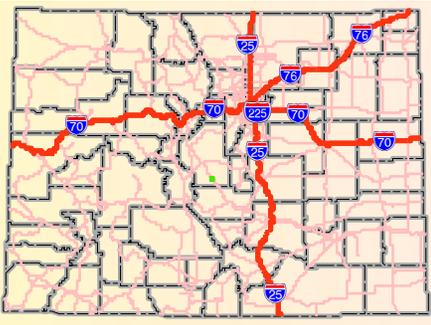
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PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s):

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-081, Thirty-Nine Mile Mountain**

Date	Frame #	Camera Direc.	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #



Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- US Forest Service



COF-020-081 Acreage: 159.4

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

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