

# 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): 304 001  
 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)

(add rows as needed)

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

Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-015, Bull Domingo West

Acreage: 235.8 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes  No

The land is smaller than 5,000 acres but is contiguous with the BLM Upper 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 southeast edge is bordered by BLM Upper Grape Creek WSA;
- The north, west, and south edges are a boundaries of property lines other than BLM management;
- No wilderness inventoried roads documented within the unit.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  NA

The unit is located less than a 1 ½ hour drive southwest from Cañon City, CO. It is less than a ½ hour drive, northeast of Westcliffe, CO. It is located on the western edge of the Upper Grape Creek WSA. The unit contains 235.8 acres of public land.

The topography in the unit is hilly, varying in elevation from 7,400 feet to 8,100 feet. The unit's southeastern edge follows a small drainage. The vegetation is mostly piñon-juniper and ponderosa pine, on the north facing aspects.

Much of the unit has primarily been affected by forces of nature. Human made features are present, but do not have a significant impact to naturalness compared to the entire unit. A route, CO-020-015-A, is located along the south east edge, all-terrain vehicle (ATVs) and full size vehicle tracks were observed. The route is designated closed to motor vehicles by the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006). The route is also closed by a gate on the north east corner. The route is the only man-made feature found within the unit and does not affect the naturalness 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

Solitude can be found throughout the unit due to topographic screening. The topography of the unit is hilly, with the unknown drainage providing excellent screening. The lack of motorized routes within the unit allow for only public access by foot or horse, which greatly diminishes the chances of encountering other public land visitors. Unit, COF-020-015 contains 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

The configuration of the land offers outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. Outstanding opportunities exist for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and hunting. The varied contours within the unit provide for interesting and compelling recreation opportunities. Opportunities for unconfined recreation become outstanding due to the potential of exploring vast amounts of land within the unit and adjacent WSA.

5. Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes  No  NA

Description:  
None provided.

## Summary of Analysis

Unique Identifier: COF-020-015, Bull Domingo West

Acreage: 235.8

### Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 235.8 acres contain naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive unconfined recreation. The topography of the unit is the main factor for providing outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation possibilities.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The southeast edge is bordered by BLM Upper Grape Creek WSA;
- The north, west, and south edges are a boundaries of property lines other than BLM management;
- No wilderness inventoried roads documented within the unit.
- The legal description is as follows:
  - o T. 21 S. R. 71 W. Sections 2 and 3

- 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-020-015

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: CO-020-015-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-020-015, Wilderness Characteristics Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics, the trail that exists and photo points of the area.

#### **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:

Route, CO-020-015-A provides for recreational use. During the inventory, signs of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and full size vehicle use were present. It is assumed the route is used more during hunting season

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: 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

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: User created route.

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:

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

Explain:

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:

N/A

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).

N/A

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-020-015-A has been closed in the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006). It does not have regular and continuous use, and would not be maintained by BLM for access.

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## PHOTO LOG

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

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-015, Bull Domingo West**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Frame #</b>	<b>Camera Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>GPS/UTM Location</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Sec.</b>	<b>Photo Point #</b>
6/21/2013	DSC03705	E	Typical view of route	See map	21 S.	71 W.	3	1
6/21/2013	DSC03706	N	View of Unit	See map	21 S	71 W.	3	2
6/21/2013	DSC03707	E	ATV use	See map	21 S	71 W.	3	3
6/21/2013	DSC03708	N	Gate	See map	21 S	71 W.	3	4



#1 typical view of route



#2 View of unit



#3, ATV use



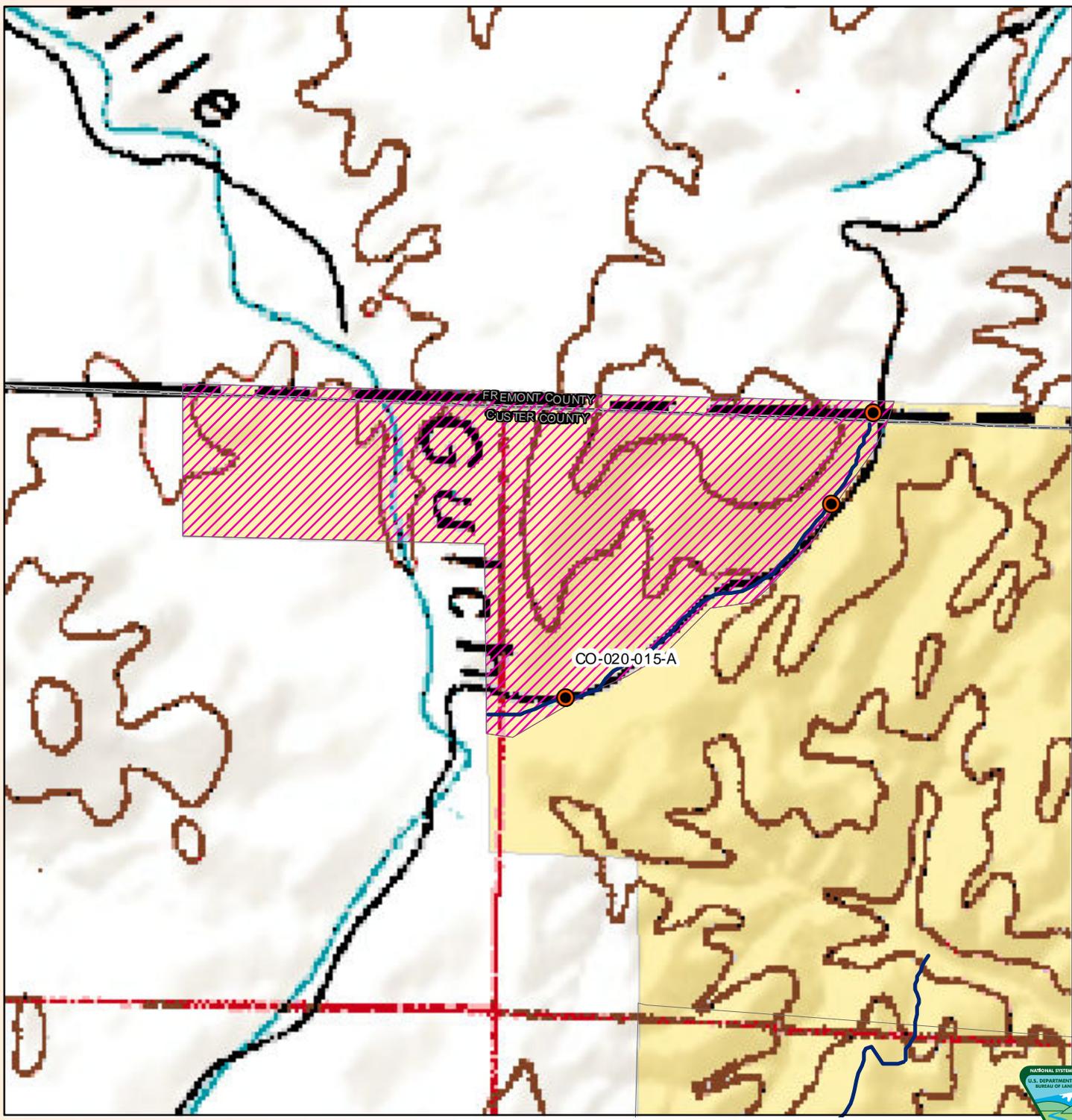
#4, Gate



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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