

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): 322-001
 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) | | | | | |
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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: CO-020-048, Poverty Mountain

Acreage: 3,350 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes No

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

The unit, CO-020-048, is bounded as follows:

- Bureau of Land Management McIntyre Hills WSA on the northwest edge;
- The southeastern edge is bounded by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Road 28, Copper Gulch.
- The northeastern edge and southeast and southwest edges are bounded by property lines other than BLM management.
- The southern corner is defined by wilderness inventory road, Fremont County Road 31.
- Wilderness inventory roads are cherry stemmed from the unit, they are, BLM 6160 and BLM 6170 B.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The unit, CO-020-048, is located west of Cañon City, CO less than 12 miles (measured to the nearest point). The unit is located along Fremont County Road 28; this road serves as the main access to the unit. The unit is located south of US Highway 50, less than 4 miles (measured to the nearest point). The unit consists of 2,417.3 acres of public land.

The topography of the unit is mountainous and rugged. Prominent features within the unit include Poverty Mountain, Washtub Gulch, and Indian Springs Gulch. The unit varies in terrain from 7,300 feet to 8,500 feet. The vegetation consists primarily of piñon-juniper and ponderosa pines.

The impact of man-made features found within the unit affect the natural character of the unit. The man-made features include numerous routes that receive off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. The routes appear to have been originally constructed by mechanical means, perhaps by a bull dozer. The constructed nature of the routes is a visual impact on the landscape. Other man-made natural disturbances include vegetation treatment projects in the area; the projects were in effort to reduce fuels in the area for fire

mitigation. There are numerous stumps and slash piles that affect the natural character of the unit. Other disturbances in the area are created by public use. Trash piles, shooting ranges, and dispersed camping are all noticeable disturbances. The accumulative impacts of the man-made features within the unit affect the overall naturalness of the area; therefore 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 contains elk severe winter range and mule deer winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-048, Poverty Mountain

Acreage: 3,350 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the unit does not consist of naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. The unit contains man-made features that significantly impact the naturalness of the unit. The man-made features include numerous OHV routes as well as recent vegetation treatment projects as well as evidence of heavy public use. The unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

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 - Wilderness inventory roads are cherry stemmed from the unit, they are, BLM 6160 and BLM 6170 B.
 - The unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
 - o T. 19 S. R. 72 W. Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 30.
 - o T. 19 S. R. 73 W. Sections: 13, 24, and 25
- 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 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-020-048

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Fremont County Road 28 (FCR 28), Fremont County Road 31 (FCR 31), BLM 6170, BLM 6170 B.

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-020-048 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Map

Map Date: 2013

Describe:

The map shows the parcel inventoried for wilderness characteristics, photo points 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:

Describe:

- FCR 28: Is currently in use for general transportation, managed by Fremont County.
- FCR 31: Is currently in use for general transportation, managed by Fremont County.
- BLM 6170: Is currently in use for recreation purposes as well as BLM administrative use.
- BLM 6170 B: Is currently in use for recreation purposes.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

Yes X No Unknown

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

- FCR 28 has a ROW association, serial # COC 44142
- FCR 31 has a ROW association, serial # COC 44142

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes X No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

Yes, the above stated routes have the ROWs still in use.

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

- Routes, FCR 28, FCR 31, BLM 6170 and BLM 6170 B are constructed and improved by mechanical means.

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

Yes X No

Describe:

- FCR 28 has evidence of mechanical construction, the route is paved.
- FCR 31 has evidence of mechanical construction, the route is graveled.
- BLM 6170 has evidence of mechanical construction, perhaps bladed.
- BLM 6170 B has evidence of mechanical construction, perhaps bladed.

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

Yes If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools by Machine
No

Describe:

- FCR 28 has evidence of mechanical improvements such as culverts, and bridges.
- FCR 31 has evidence of mechanical improvements such as built stream crossings, and culverts.
- BLM 6170 has evidence of mechanical improvements such as water bars in place.
- BLM 6170 B has evidence of mechanical improvements such as water bars in place.

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

- FCR 28 is maintained for regular use by general transportation.
- FCR 31 is maintained for regular use by general transportation.
- BLM 6170 is maintained for access of full size vehicles.
- BLM 6170 B is maintained for access for full size vehicles.

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:

- FCR 28 is regularly maintained by use of machinery.
- FCR 31 is regularly maintained by use of machinery.
- BLM 6170 has recently been maintained by use of machinery to expand the road.
- BLM 6170 B has recently been maintained by use of machinery to expand the road.

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:

- FCR 28, Fremont County would maintain the road if became impassable.
- FCR 31 would be maintained by Fremont County if became impassable.

- BLM 6170 would be maintained by the BLM if it became impassable.
- BLM 6170 B would be maintained by the BLM if it 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).

- FCR 28 has regular and continuous use on it 70-100 times a day.
- FCR 31 has regular and continuous use, 50-70 times a day.
- BLM 6170 has use approximately 20-50 times a week.
- BLM 6170 B has use approximately 20-30 times a week.

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
 No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

- FCR 28 meets the criteria to be a wilderness inventory road.
- FCR 31 meets the criteria to be a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 6170 meet the criteria to be a wilderness inventory road, it will be cherry stemmed within the unit.
- BLM 6170 B meets the criteria to be a wilderness inventory road, it will be cherry stemmed within the unit.

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Date: August 27, 2013

PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): Monica Mohr/ Rangeland Management Technician

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-048, Poverty Mountain**

| Date | Frame # | Camera Direc. | Description | GPS/UTM Location | Township | Range | Sec. | Photo Point # |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 6/18/2013 | P6180478 | SE | Route condition | See map | 19 S. | 73 W. | 24 | 1 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180479 | N | Trail signs | See map | 19 S. | 73 W. | 25 | 2 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180480 | NE | Green pipe gate | See map | 19 S. | 73 W. | 25 | 3 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180481 | E | Veg. Treatment project. | See map | 19 S. | 73 W. | 24 | 4 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180485 | NE | Target shooting | See map | 19 S. | 73 W. | 25 | 5 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180486 | N | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 20 | 6 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180487 | W | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 20 | 7 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180488 | NW | Route condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 17 | 8 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180489 | NE | Route intersection | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 17 | 9 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180490 | E | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 18 | 10 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180491 | S | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 18 | 11 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180492 | SW | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 18 | 12 |
| 6/18/2013 | P6180493 | NW | Route Condition | See map | 19 S. | 72 W. | 18 | 13 |
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#8, Route BLM 6170



#9 intersection



#10



#11



#12



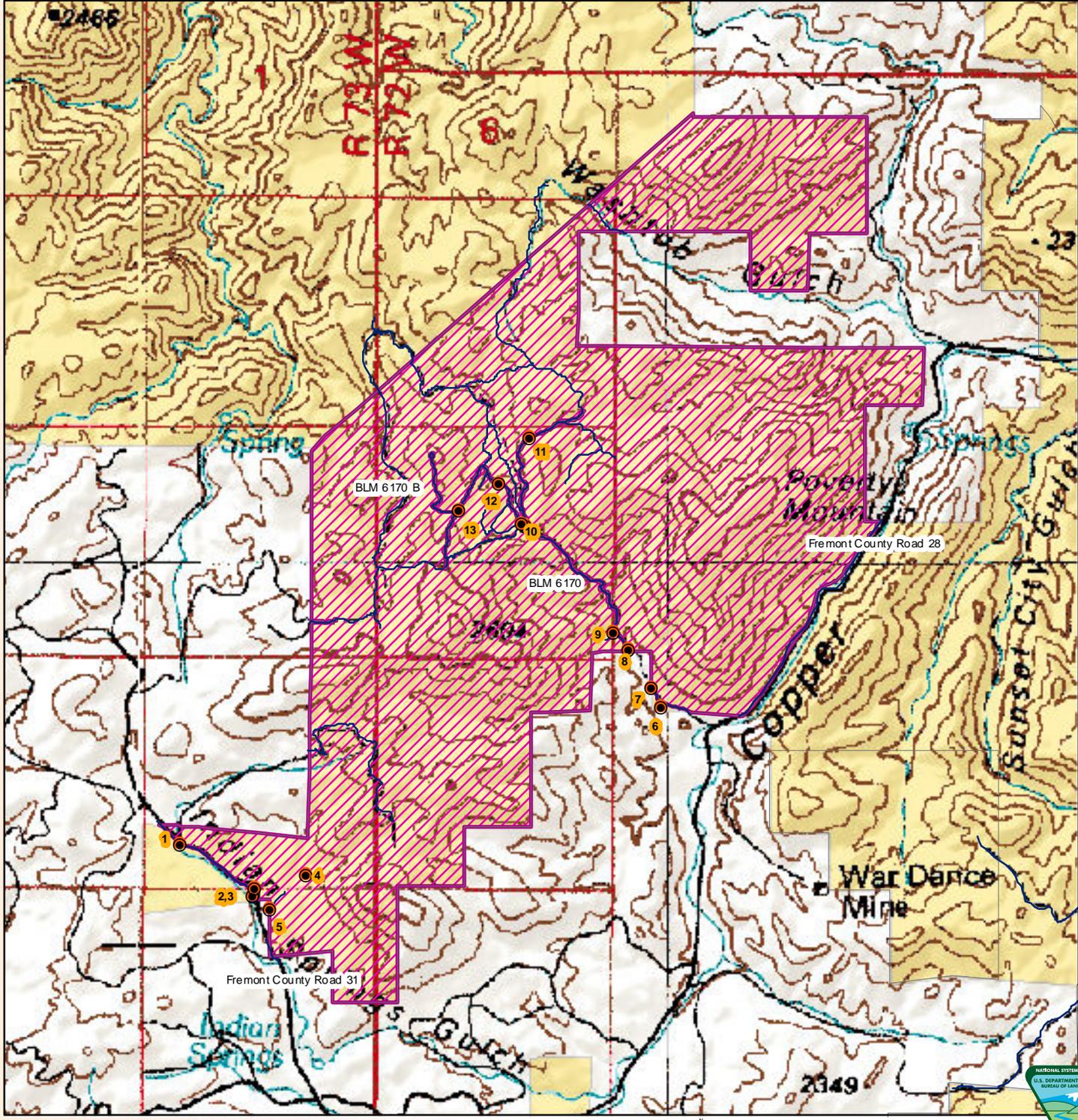
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Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

- Photo points
 - Inventoried Routes
 - Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
 - Counties
- Surface Land Ownership*
- Bureau of Land Management
 - Private



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Acreage: 3350

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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