

# 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): 019 001  
 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-020-083, Puma Hills

Acreage: 142.1 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 and east edges are bounded by the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The west edge is defined by wilderness inventory road, Park County 335;
- The south edge is bounded by property lines other than BLM management;

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  NA

The unit, COF-020-083 is located approximately 16 miles south east of Hartsel, Colorado (measured to the nearest point). Cañon City, Colorado is located 40 miles southeast of the unit. The unit is located east of 11 Mile Reservoir. The unit contains 142.1 acres of public land.

The unit consists of a few mildly steep hills. The unit contains few piñon- juniper trees, but primarily is vegetated by subalpine grasslands.

Two routes were identified within the unit. The routes appear to have been user created, and not mechanically constructed. The routes are used for rangeland management and recreational purposes. Due to the lack of vegetation within the unit, the routes are highly visible. The routes significantly affect the natural characteristics 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 X

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

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ NA X

None observed

## Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-083, Puma Hills

Acreage: 142.1 acres

### Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 142.1 acre unit does not have wilderness characteristics due to the lack of naturalness to the unit. Two routes identified within the unit are highly visible and impact the visual landscape of the unit. The unit, COF-020-083 does not possess wilderness characteristics.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north and east edges are bounded by the USFS roadless recommended wilderness area;
- The west edge is defined by wilderness inventory road, Park County 335;
- The and south edge is bounded by property lines other than BLM management;
- The legal description is as follows:
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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   NA  X
- Does the area have supplemental value? Yes   No   NA  X

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 characteristics.

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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.

### **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-020-083, Puma Hills,  
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Park County Rd 335

#### **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-020-083, 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:

Describe:

Park County Road 335 is used for general transportation.

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?

Park County 335 has a ROW association, serial #: 49760 and C23462

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

Yes  No  Unknown or N/A

Explain: Park county Rd 335 the ROW is 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

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

It appears route; Park County Rd 335 has been mechanically constructed.

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

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

No

Park County Rd 335 has regular mechanical improvements on it.

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  No  If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools  by Machine

Park County Rd 335 has regular mechanical 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

Park County Rd 335 would be maintained by Park County if ever it became impassable.

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).

Park County Rd 335 is maintained for regular and continuous use, used 40-60 times daily.

#### 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

Park County Rd 335 meets the criteria to be a wilderness inventory road.

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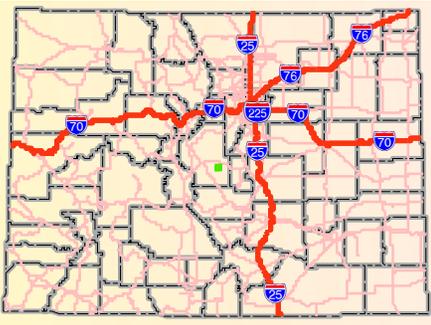
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## PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s):

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-083**

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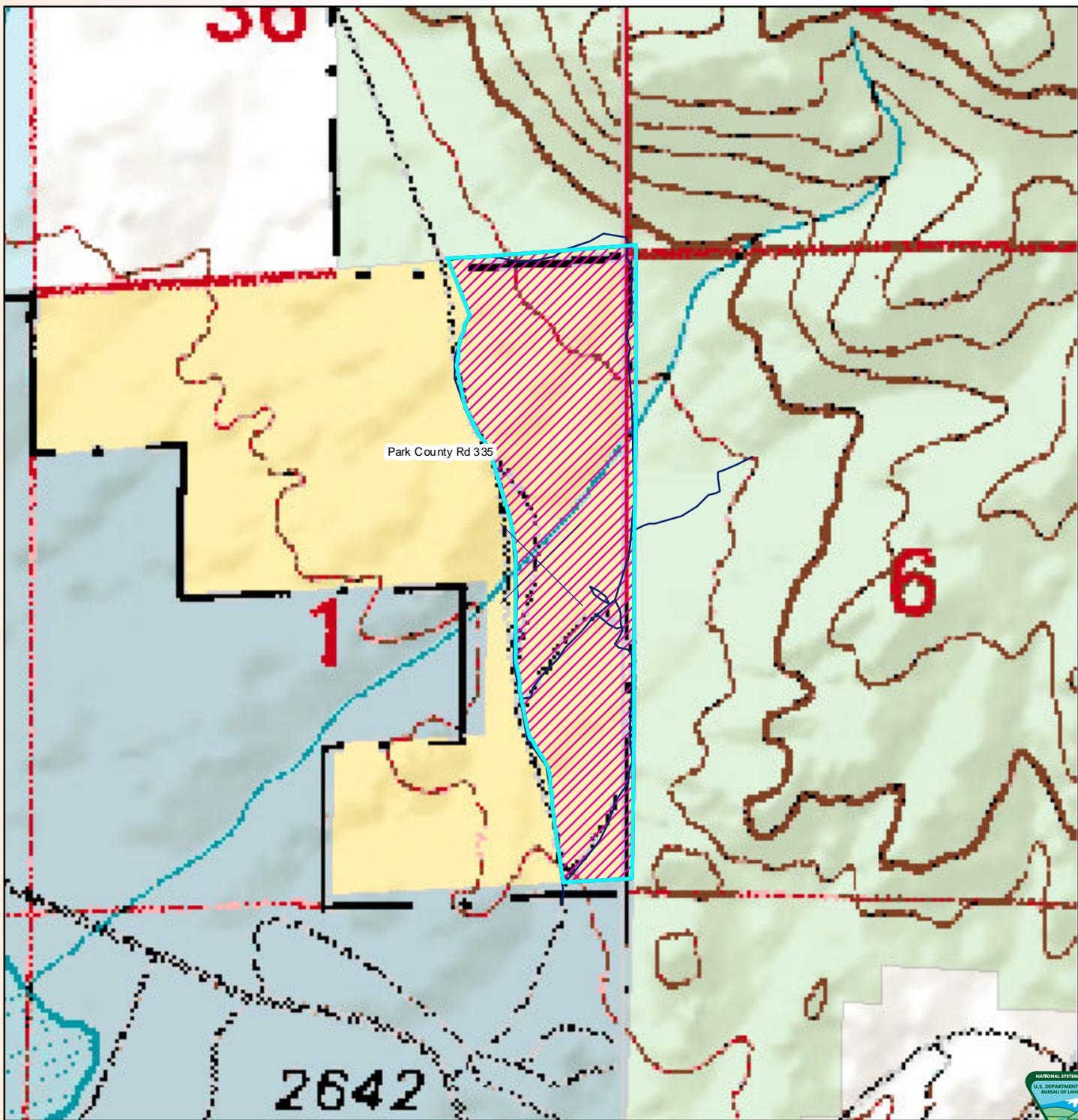
Map Extent Indicator

**Map Features**

- Inventoried Routes
- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Parcels
- Counties

**Surface Land Ownership**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State
- State, County, City; Areas
- US Forest Service



**COF-020-083**

Acreage: 142.1

**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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