

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): 334-001
 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: CO-020-032

Acreage: 70.0 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes No

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

The Summit Brick Mine unit, CO-020-032, is bounded as follows:

- Bureau of Land Management Beaver Creek WSA on the north and west edge;
- The south and east edge of the unit by lands other than BLM management.
- No wilderness inventory roads identified.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The Summit Brick unit, CO-020-032, is located less than 10 miles north east from Cañon City, CO (measured to the nearest point). It is also located less than 5 miles from Penrose, Colorado. The unit is comprised of rocky hills with an ephemeral drainage in the middle of it. The vegetation consists of piñon- juniper woodland.

The unit contains substantial imprints of man found within the unit. The primary man-made feature within the unit occurs from mining activity. The mining activity is a visible disturbance to the landscape. The mining activity affects the overall natural character of the unit; therefore, the unit does not have 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

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

5. Does the area have supplemental values?

Yes No NA

Description:

- The unit is partially located within Mexican spotted owl critical habitat.
- The unit is located within mule deer severe winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis:

Unique Identifier: COF-020-032

Acreage: 70.0 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 70.0 acre unit lacked natural character due to substantial man-made feature found within the unit. The unit did not appear natural; therefore, the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

The 70.0 acre unit is bounded as follows:

- Bureau of Land Management Beaver Creek WSA on the north and west edge;
- The south and east edge of the unit by private property.
- The Summit Brick Mine was cut out due to naturalness on the south east corner;
- The unit is found in parts of the sections listed in the following townships;
 - o T. 17 S. R. 69 W. Sections 26 and 35.

- 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 X 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-020-032

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: No routes identified.

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-020-032, Wilderness Characteristic Inventory 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:
N/A

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:

It is assumed that the routes have been 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 ____

Examples (partial list):

Culverts ____ Built Stream Crossings ____ Bridges ____ Drainage ____ Barriers ____

Describe:

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:

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:

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).

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:

No routes were identified within the unit.

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PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): **Clarissa Snyder/ Minerals Technician**

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-032**

Date	Frame #	Camera Direc.	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Town-ship	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
6/5/2013	P6050307	NW	Mine with route heading to the right	N 4,264,902.37379 E 493,465,366652	17 S	65 W	26	1
6/5/2013	P6050299	W	Mining activity	N 4,265,025.08626 E 493,462.072357	17 S	65 W	26	2
6/5/2013	P6050303	S	View from top of mine	N 4,264,964.0232 E 493,266.885409	17 S	65 W	26	3



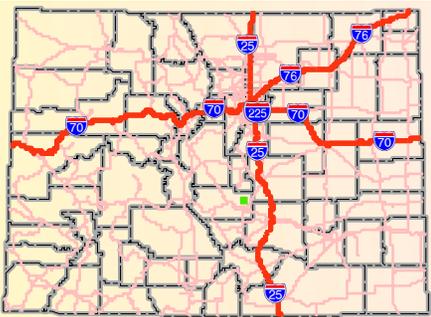
#1 Mining with route on the right



#2 Mining Activity



#3 View from top of mine



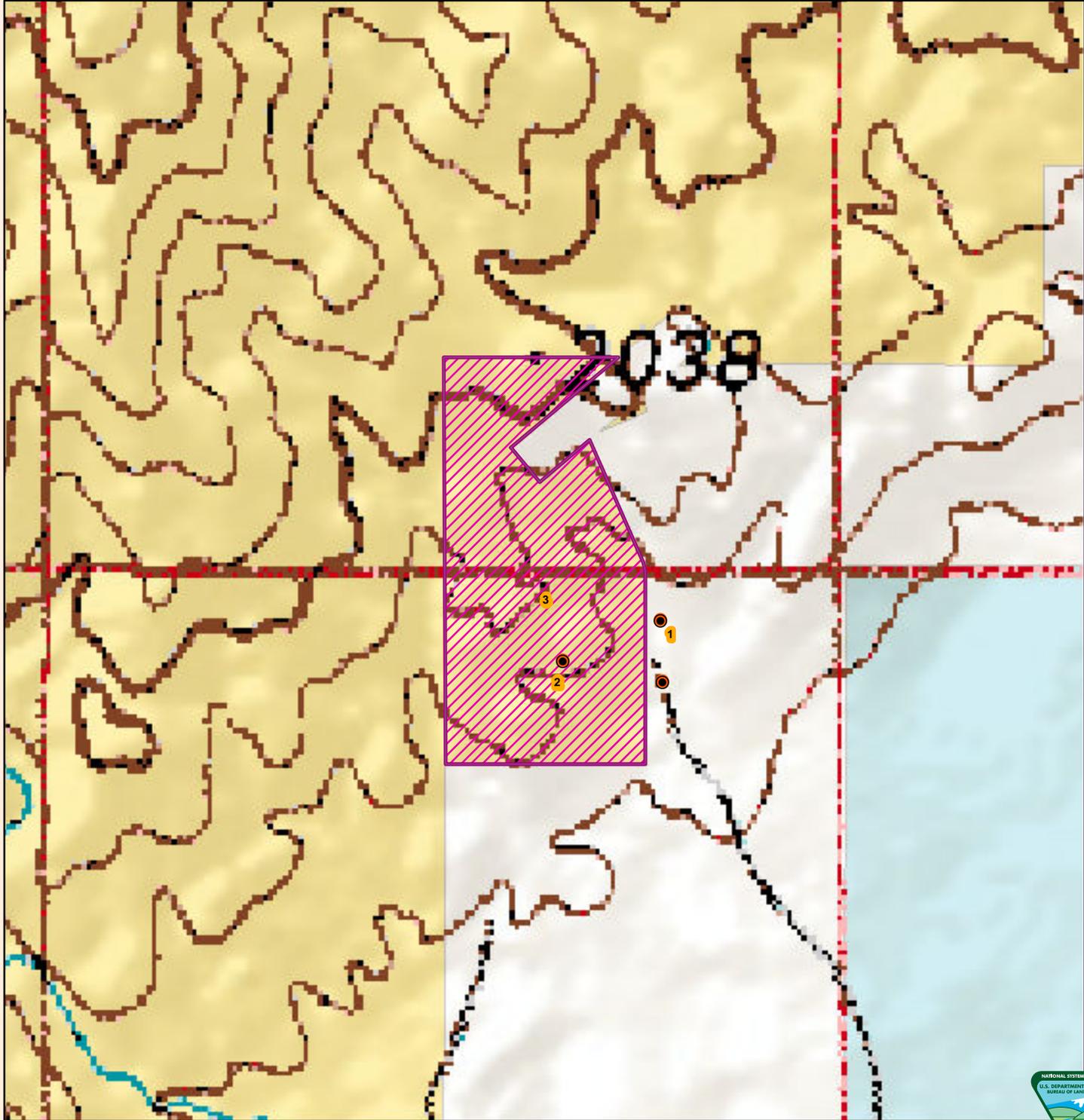
Map Extent Indicator

Map Features

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

Surface Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State



COF-020-032 Acreage: 70

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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