

**Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Report:
North Badger Creek
COF-020-018**

Section 201 of FLPMA requires the BLM to maintain on a continuing basis an inventory of all public lands and their resources and other values, which includes wilderness characteristics. It also provides that the preparation and maintenance of the inventory shall not, of itself, change or prevent change of the management or use of public lands. Regardless of past inventory, the BLM must maintain and update as necessary, its inventory of wilderness resources on public lands. In some circumstances, conditions relating to wilderness characteristics may have changed over time, and an area that was once determined to lack wilderness characteristics may now possess them. BLM Manual 6310 'Conducting Wilderness Characteristics Inventory on BLM Lands' is the policy that provides guidance on conducting this inventory process.

Following BLM guidance the Royal Gorge Field Office conducted an inventory in 2013 and found that the unit did not meet the criteria for having wilderness characteristics. Per policy, the public has the opportunity to provide new information regarding wilderness characteristics that the BLM must evaluate and consider. New information that meets the minimum standard for further review was submitted by Wild Connections on May 6, 2015 contending that 11,189 acres meet the criteria. This report reflects an updated inventory that combines BLM's 2013 findings and an evaluation of the data submitted by Wild Connections in their Badger Creek, Jack Hall Mountain report.

Inventory Effort	Acreage Inventoried	Wilderness Characteristics Acreage
BLM 2013 Inventory	11,452.0	8,928.0
Wild Connections Inventory	11,189.0	11,189.0
BLM 2015 Evaluation Conclusions	11,817.1	11,265.0

**Form 1: Document Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record
(Refers to Original 1980's Inventory Effort)**

Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

NO (If no, go to Form 2)

YES X If yes, and if the area has subunits within the broader area, list the unique identifiers for each of those subunits:

Inventory Source: 1980 Wilderness Study Report

Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CO-050-003 005

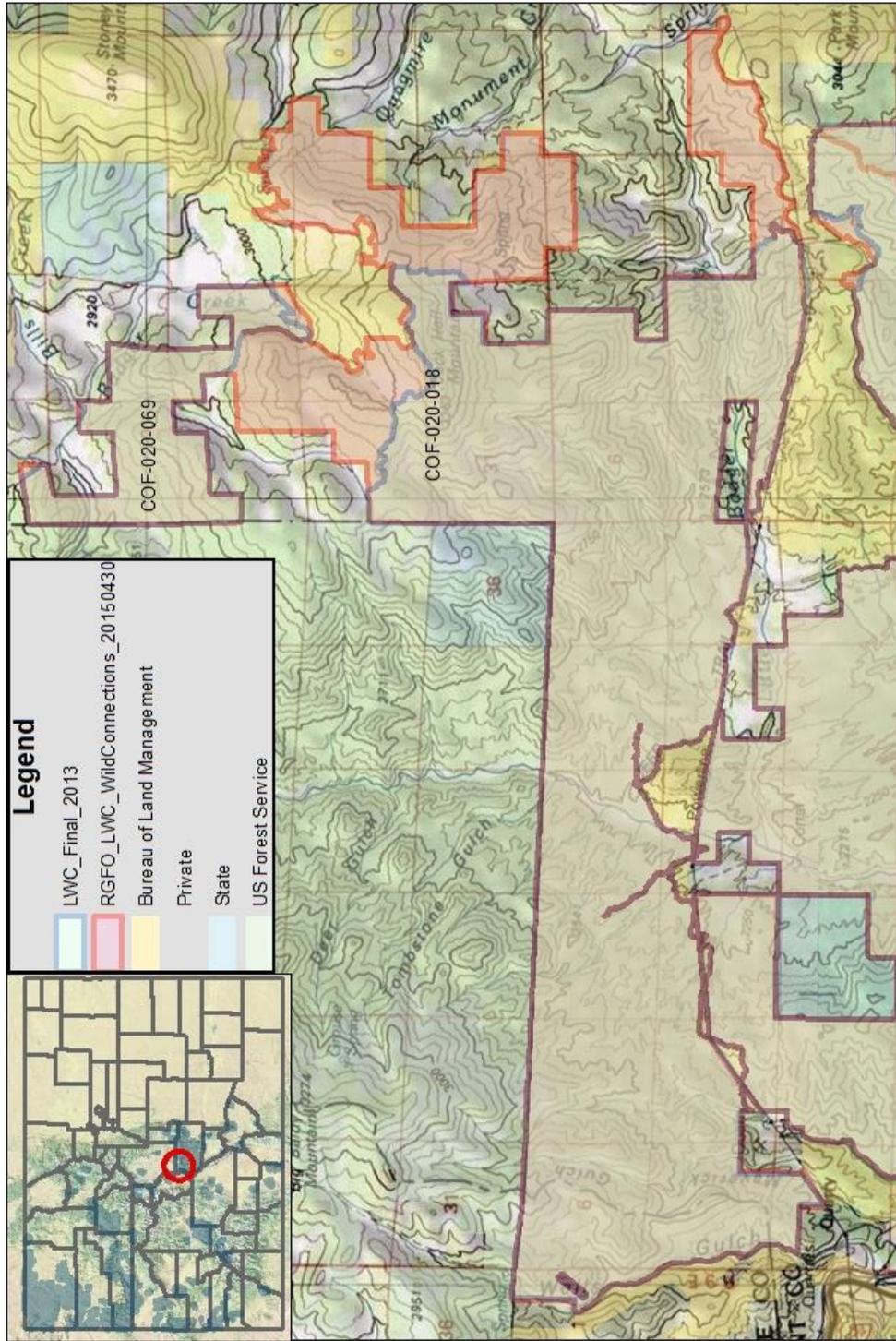
Map Name(s)/Number(s):

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)
CO-050-003	Y	N	N	N	N

Map 1 North Badger Creek 2013 inventory compared to new information



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COF-020-018, North Badger Creek
 2013 Inventory compared to
 new information

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

Area Unique Identifier: COF-020-018, North Badger Creek

Acreeage: 11,817.1 acres

1. Is the area of sufficient size? :

Yes No

Unit COF-020-018, North Badger Creek, is 11,817.1 acres. The unit is over 5,000 acres and meets the size criteria, 2.a.i.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north and eastern boundaries are property lines other than BLM management;
- The northern boundary consists of wilderness inventory road BLM 5850,
- The western boundary consists of wilderness inventory road BLM road 5970;
- The southern edge is bounded by a utility transmission line right of way (ROW) and BLM road 5965;
- The south eastern boundary is defined by wilderness inventory road, BLM 5966A that connects to a WIR route to the private land to the north;
- Three wilderness "roads" are "cherry stemmed" into the unit, BLM 5965 A, BLM 5965 B, 5966A and a part of CO-020-018 A.

Note: The 2013 inventory separated out a parcel of land for size and it should have been evaluated for naturalness. The boundary was drawn on a route that was not a WIR and around a forestry project area boundary. For the 2015 inventory, the boundary was changed to include this parcel to be analyzed in step 2.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

The unit is located less than 5 miles north of Howard, Colorado and less than 10 miles east of Salida, Colorado, (measured at the nearest points). The unit consists of 11,817.1 acres of public land. Two inholdings were found within the unit, totaling 147.7 acres, these lands will not be included in the inventory.

The topography within the area is mountainous with canyons and rock outcroppings. Rugged, rocky, steep terrain can be found throughout the unit. Prominent features within the unit include Jack Hall Mountain and Badger Creek. Badger Creek flows in the middle of the unit consisting of granitic rock canyons, cobbled stream beds, scattered with large boulders. Several ephemeral drainages are located within the unit, with sandy creek bottoms or scoured rock canyons and gorges. The elevation of the unit varies from 7,300 feet to 11,000 feet.

The vegetation within the unit is varied. The lower reaches in the unit are dominated by piñon-juniper woodland. The northern slopes and higher elevations contain ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forest including lodge pole pine, Douglas fir and spruce. The unit also contains aspen, gambel oak, and a few cottonwoods found along the riparian areas. The understory vegetation consists of rabbit brush, prickly pear, as well as subalpine grassland species.

A wilderness inventory was conducted in 1979, deciding the unit did not possess wilderness characteristics. The unit's boundary was defined by land status and encompassed a larger area than the current intensive inventory unit. The unit did not possess wilderness characteristics due to numerous roads leading to mining sites and patented mining claims. The 2013 inventory unit's boundary changed due to wilderness inventory roads and excessive disturbances. The boundary change did not include many of the routes that were included in the original inventory. Therefore, the disturbances identified historically, did not affect the natural character of the unit.

The north eastern portion of the unit's boundary contains excessive disturbances. The man-made features include constructed and recently maintained or improved routes. The evidence of recent logging activity is prevalent on the landscape. The logging activity does impact the natural character of this part of the unit and the 552.1 acres will be excluded from the 2015 inventory due to unnaturalness.

Another significant alteration on the landscape occurred in the 1960's when the lands northwest of Jack Hall Mountain underwent contouring and roller chopping. To the untrained eye, the modification to the land is no longer visible and does not affect the natural character of the landscape. A mining route leading to a historic mine is located in the area. Currently, the route has grown in with vegetation and small trees. Down trees have not been cleared from the route. The mine includes an area of disturbance of approximately 500 square feet that is noticeable on the ground. However, trees and vegetation are growing in the disturbed area and it was determined that the mine and mine road do not negatively affect the naturalness of the area.

Also in the northeastern portion of the unit, the 2013 inventory had used route CO-020-018-K as the eastern boundary. This route has minimal use by All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and was determined to be a way. The area to the east of the route displays natural characteristics and provides opportunities for solitude. Therefore, the eastern side beyond the way route CO-020-018-K will extend to the BLM boundary in agreement with new information submitted by Wild Connections.

On the southeast corner of the unit, BLM 5966A is a four wheel drive route ending at a gate. The route continues to the private land and was not designated in the Arkansas Travel Management Plan. Due to the rugged terrain, it is possible that this route would be used for cattle movement but would rarely occur. The route is visible on the ground and if left unused, vegetation may cover the route except for the cut into the hill. This portion of the

route is a way and opens the small eastern area into the unit as suggested by the new information submitted by Wild Connections.

Human-made features within the remaining lands include route CO-020-018-H. This two-track, that follows Badger Creek, north to south, has been designated closed by the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006). The route serves as a recreational access into Badger Creek as well as an administrative route to maintain fences and gates. The route is visible on the ground and occasionally is still used by ATVs.

Route, CO-020-018-J is an off-highway vehicle (OHV) route that spurs off of BLM 5965 B; it is designated as a closed route in the Arkansas Travel Management Plan. The route is visible on the ground, and receives occasional OHV use. Signage and public education have reduced use on the route. If left unused, route CO-020-018-J would heal entirely.

The range activity found within the unit is insignificant. The current range impacts include fences, gates, and stock trails. The gulches and drainages within the unit have potential for spring development for improving rangeland management, although, no current developments are in place. The overall range activity does not affect the natural character of the unit.

The intensive inventory revealed that the unit seems to be primarily affected by nature. The existing human impacts found within the unit have a relatively small impact on the overall naturalness of the inventoried area. Most impact to naturalness is from forestry projects that temporarily affect the appearance while returning to a natural healthy state.

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

Outstanding opportunities for solitude exist throughout the unit. The topographic relief and thick vegetation allows for visual and audible screening from human made disturbances. The lack of motorized routes in the area allows for foot or equestrian access. A portion of the unit where the majority of use occurs is along Badger Creek. Badger Creek offers recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. Although many public land visitors frequent Badger Creek, the abundant riparian vegetation along the creek provides excellent visual and audible screening, allowing for solitude to exist.

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 unit provides outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation due to the unique topography, undeveloped facilities, and non-motorized recreation possibilities. The unit provides for recreation activities, such as hiking, sightseeing, hunting, wildlife viewing, and photography. The streambeds found within the unit are sandy or scoured bedrock, making them pleasant to walk in. From the higher elevations, superb sightseeing is abundant, with views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range and Collegiate Peak Mountain range. The view of the Badger Creek drainage is a prominent feature among the landscape. The views may be enticing to a visitor, who may feel compelled to explore the vast primitive lands.

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

Yes No NA

- Historic pack trail/mail route, south of Jack Hall Mountain to Howard, following the Little Badger Creek drainage.
- The south east corner has been identified by the Colorado Natural Heritage Program of being a potential conservation area (PCA). The Little Badger site has a B3 (High Biodiversity Significance) ranking.
- The unit contains elk and mule deer winter range as mapped by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Summary of Analysis

Unique Identifier: COF-020-018, North Badger Creek

Acreage: 11,265.0 acres

Results of Analysis:

Inventory concluded that the 11,265.0 acres contain naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive unconfined recreation. The topography within the unit is a key factor for outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation to exist. Rugged terrain, few motorized routes, and a vast amount of land allow for primitive, solitary travel.

The 2015 inventory found that a portion of the unit COF-020-018, located in the north eastern portion of the unit lacked naturalness. There are 552.1 acres excluded from the remainder of the inventory, due to excessive disturbance. Three parcels that were not included in the 2013 inventory were excluded due to naturalness with boundaries drawn by existing ways. New information submitted by Wild Connections triggered the BLM to re-evaluate with attention to the man-made features from historic projects. Additional staff were consulted and it was determined that the mine, mine route, contouring and roller chopping had changed over time so that the imprint has become substantially unnoticeable to the untrained eye. Forestry projects and signs of logging have also returned to a natural state. For these reasons, the BLM has opened the eastern side beyond way route CO-020-018-K to the BLM boundary as well as a northern parcel in agreement with new information submitted by Wild Connections. Also, on the southeast corner of the unit, BLM 5966A was used as a boundary along with an extension of the route that is no longer used for continuous travel. This portion of the route is a way and opens the small eastern parcel into the unit as suggested by the new information submitted by Wild Connections.

The unit is bounded as follows:

- The north and eastern boundaries are property lines other than BLM management;
- The northern boundary was modified due to excessive disturbance and consists of a wilderness inventory "road", BLM road 5850, project area boundaries and the boundary also follows route CO-020-018 A to Fremont County Rd 12;
- The western edge of the unit is bounded by BLM road 5970
- The southern edge is bounded by a utility transmission line right of way (ROW) and BLM road 5965;
- The south eastern boundary is defined by wilderness inventory road, BLM 5966A that connects to a WIR route to the private land to the north;
- Three wilderness "roads" are "cherry stemmed" into the unit, BLM 5965 A, BLM 5965 B, 5966A and a part of CO-020-018 A.

The unit can be found in the following townships:

- T. 49 N. R. 9 E. Sections 5, 6, 7, 18
- T. 49 N. R. 10 E. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

- T. 49 N. R. 11 E. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17
- T. 50 N. R. 11 E. Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes X No
- Does the area appear natural? Yes X No NA
- Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes X No NA
- Does the area have supplemental value? Yes X No NA

Check one:

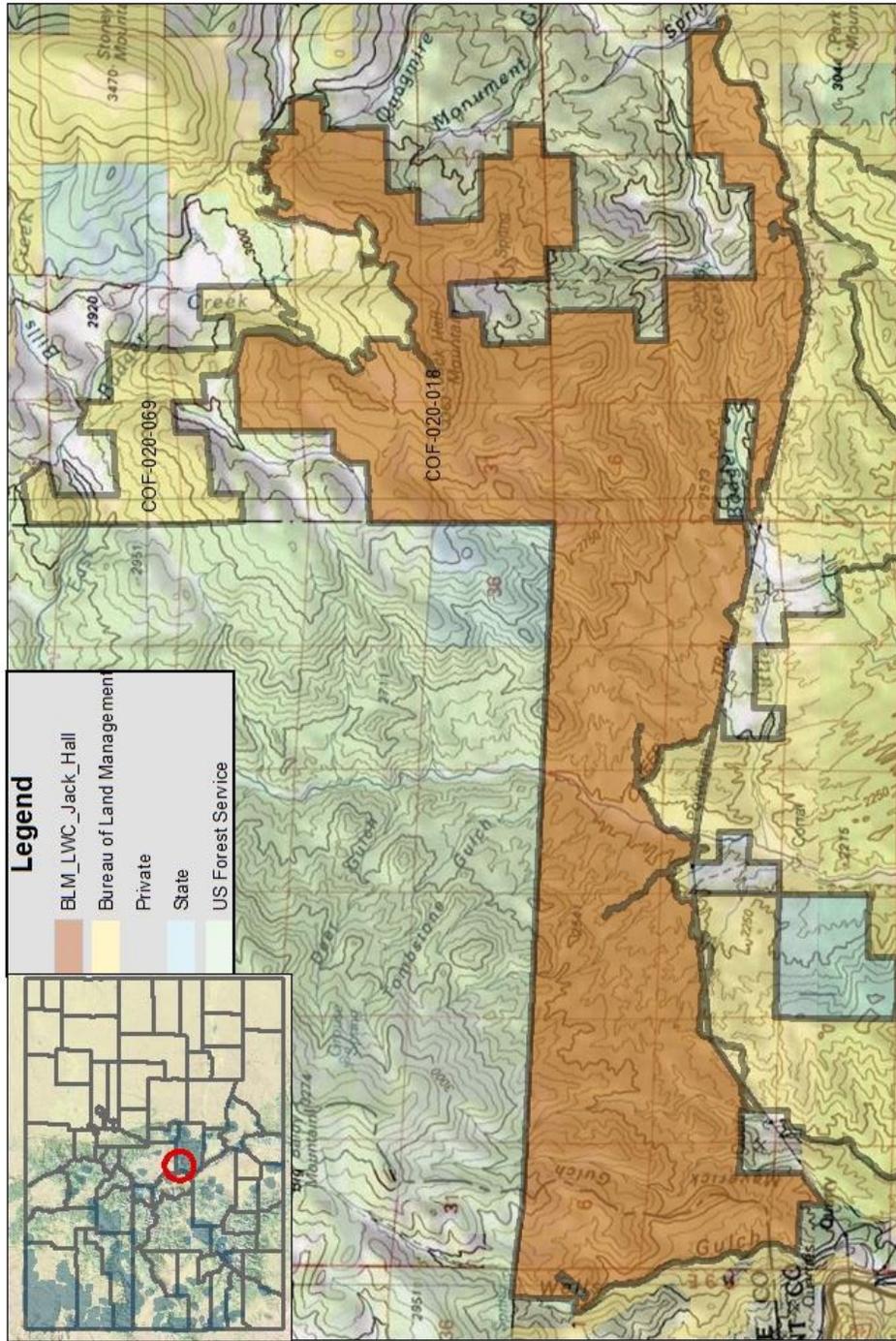
- X The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics.
- The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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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Map 2 North Badger Creek 2015 inventory result



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**COF-020-018, North Badger Creek
 2015 Inventory**

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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 cherry stem 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-020-018, North Badger Creek Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: BLM 5970, BLM 5850, BLM 5965, BLM 5965-A, BLM 5965-B, BLM 5966, BLM 5966-A, CO-020-018-A, CO-020-018-E, CO-020-018-H, CO-020-018-K, and CO-020-018-L

I. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: COF-020-018, North Badger Creek Wilderness Characteristics Map

Map Date: 2015

The map shows the parcels inventoried for wilderness characteristics along with GPS photo points, and GPS inventory of multiple routes.

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 Routes:

- BLM 5970: The route is currently used to access private inholdings.
- BLM 5850: Is currently used to access a ranch inholding.
- BLM 5965: The route is currently used for recreational use, and access to maintain transmission line.
- BLM 5965-A: The route is currently used for recreational use.
- BLM 5965-B: The route is currently used for recreational use, and administrative access.
- BLM 5966: Is currently used for recreational access and maintenance to the transmission line.
- BLM 5966-A: Is currently used for recreational access, and access into private inholdings.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Is currently used for BLM administrative use.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Is currently used for BLM administrative use.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): Is currently used for recreational access into Badger Creek. Closed in the Royal Gorge Field Office Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (2006).
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): Is currently used for recreational access, possibly user created.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Is currently used for recreational access, possibly user created.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

- B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route? If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

Yes No Unknown

- BLM 5970: Has a ROW associated with this route, serial # COC 55232.
- BLM 5850 has a ROW that is currently being used, it is serial # C44106 15.
- BLM 5965: Has a ROW associated with this route, serial # C 0128242 The ROW allows for the holder to operate, maintain, or terminate use of a power line in Fremont County on public lands.
- BLM 5966: Has a ROW associated with this route, serial # C 0128242. The ROW allows for the holder to operate, maintain, or terminate use of a power line in Fremont County on public lands.

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

Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

- BLM 5965-A: Does not have a ROW association.
- BLM 5965-B: Does not have a ROW association.
- BLM 5966-A: Does not have a ROW association.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Does not have a ROW association.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Does not have a ROW association.
- CO-20-018-H (Badger Creek): Does not have a ROW association.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): Does not have a ROW association.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Does not have a ROW association.

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

Yes X No ___ Unknown or N/A ___

- BLM 5970: ROW is still in use.
- BLM 5850: ROW is still in use.
- BLM 5965: ROW is still in use.
- BLM 5966: 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 X

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 X No ___

- BLM 5970: Has evidence of mechanical construction through roadside berms, possibly bladed.
- BLM 5850: Has been mechanically constructed, by use of blade and dozer.
- BLM 5965: Has evidence of mechanical construction through roadside berms, possibly bladed.
- BLM 5965-A: The route has evidence of being bladed at one time.
- BLM 5965-B: The route has evidence of being bladed at one time.
- BLM 5966: Has evidence of mechanical construction through roadside berms, possibly bladed.
- BLM 5966-A: The route has evidence of being bladed at one time.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): The route has recently been bladed.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Evidence of mechanical construction, possible by bull dozer but mostly by vehicle use.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): Appear to have been maintained one time by a bull dozer.

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

Yes _____ No X

- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): Mainly just looks ridden in by ATV's.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Possibly user created

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

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

Describe:

- BLM 5970: Has evidence of mechanical improvements by use of machine, installing drainage features.
- BLM 5850: Has been mechanically improved, by use of blade and dozer.
- BLM 5965: Has evidence of mechanical improvements by use of machine, installing drainage features, clearing vegetation.
- BLM 5966: Has evidence of mechanical improvements by use of machine, installing drainage features, clearing vegetation
- BLM 5966-A: Has evidence of mechanical improvements by use of machine, possible bull dozer, widening the route.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Has evidence of recent improvements, widening the route, installing water bars.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Has evidence of clearing vegetation by use of hand tools

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

- BLM 5965-A: has no evidence of recent improvements.
- BLM 5965-B: has no evidence of recent improvements.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): has no evidence of recent improvements.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): has no evidence of recent improvements.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): has no evidence of recent improvements.

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 X ,

Routes that ensure continuous use are BLM 5850, BLM 5970, BLM 5965, BLM 5965-A and B, BLM 5966, BLM 5966-A, CO-020-18-E, L.

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked “no” below X ,
Routes that do not ensure regular and continuous use are CO-020-018-A, H, K
and BLM 5966-A beyond the gate.

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

Yes X If “yes”, maintenance by? Hand Tools ___ by Machine ___
No ___

Explain:

- BLM 5970: Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means.
- BLM 5850: is maintained for regular and continuous use.
- BLM 5965: Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means.
- BLM 5966: Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means.
- BLM 5966-A: Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means. Beyond the gate has been kept open.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Yes, route has recently been maintained by mechanical means.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Yes, has recently been maintained by use of hand tools.

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

- BLM 5965-No, the route has not been maintained recently.
- BLM 5965-B: No, the route has not been maintained recently.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): No, the route has not been maintained recently.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): No, the route has not been maintained recently.

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 X No ___

- BLM 5970: BLM or ROW holder would maintain route for regular travel.
- BLM 5850: BLM would maintain if became impassable.
- BLM 5965: BLM or ROW holder would maintain route for regular travel.
- BLM 5966: BLM or ROW holder would maintain route for regular travel.

- BLM 5966-A: BLM would maintain route for regular travel. Beyond the gate would be kept open for range access.
- BLM 5965-A BLM would maintain route for regular travel.
- BLM 5965-B: BLM would maintain route for regular travel.
- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): BLM would maintain route for administrative access.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): BLM would maintain route for administrative access.

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

- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Unlikely BLM would maintain route.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): BLM would not maintain route.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): BLM would not maintain route.

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

Yes X No ___

- BLM 5970: Route use is regular and continuous. The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule. Use occurs 5-10 times a day.
- BLM 5850: has regular and continuous use, 20-30 times a month.
- BLM 5965: Route use is regular and continuous. The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule. Use occurs 20-30 times a day.
- BLM 5965-A: The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule use occurs an estimated 10-20 times a month.
- BLM 5965-B: The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule use occurs an estimated 10-20 times a month
- BLM 5966: Route use is regular and continuous. The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule. Use occurs 20-30 times a day.
- BLM 5966-A: The route is on the BLM maintenance schedule and use occurs an estimated 10-20 times a month. Beyond the gate is seldom used.

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

Yes ___ No X

- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Route is not maintained for continuous use.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Route is not maintained for continuous use.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): Route is not maintained for continuous use.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): Route is not maintained for continuous use.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Route is not maintained for 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 X = Wilderness Inventory Road

- BLM 5970: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5850: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5965: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5965-A: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5965-B: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5966: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5966-A: meets the definition for a wilderness inventory road.

No X = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

- CO-020-018-A (Jack Hall access route): Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
- CO-020-018-E (Jack Hall access route, W): Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
- CO-020-018-H (Badger Creek): Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
- CO-020-018-K (ATV route): Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
- CO-020-018-L (ATV route): Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
- BLM 5966-A beyond the gate: Does not meet the definition as a wilderness inventory road.
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Evaluator: Janine Prout/ Recreation Technician
 Evaluator: Kalem Lenard/ Outdoor Recreation Planner
 Evaluator: Linda Skinner/ Outdoor Recreation Planner
 Evaluator: Kalem Lenard/ Outdoor Recreation Planner

Date: May 29, 2013
 Date: August 8, 2013
 Date: October 23, 2015
 Date: October 23, 2015

PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): Janine Prout/ Recreation Technician and JTibbs/ Recreation Technician

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **COF-020-018, Badger Creek N**

Date	Frame #	Camera Direc.	Description	UTM Zone 13	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
5/12/03	ar_0171	NE	Typical view of road	See map	49 N.	10 E.	8	1
5/12/03	ar_0172	NE	Spur to private	See map	49 N.	10 E.	9	2
5/12/03	ar_0173	E	Gate to private	See map	49 N.	10 E.	9	3
5/12/03	ar_0174	E	Badger Creek	See map	49 N.	10 E.	10	4
5/12/03	ar_0175	SE	Typical view of BLM 5965	See map	49 N.	10 E.	11	5
5/12/03	ar_0177	S	Route crossing Little Badger Creek	See map	49 N.	10 E.	12	6
5/12/03	ar_0178	W	Gate to private	See map	49 N.	10 E.	12	7
5/12/03	ar_0179	E	View of 5966	See map	49 N.	10 E.	12	8
5/12/03	ar_0180	NE	View of route	See map	49 N.	11 E.	17	9
5/12/03	ar_0185	W	View of intersection, WAPPA powerline	See map	49 N.	11 E.	16	10
5/12/03	ar_0186	N	Gate at end of 5966 A	See map	49 N.	11 E.	9	11
7/24/2012	DSC03387	E	Gate, scenic view, beginning of USFS land	See map	50 N.	11 E.	30	12
7/24/2012	DSC03388	N	Cattle Gate	See map	50 N.	11 E.	30	13
7/24/2012					50 N.	11 E.	30	14
7/24/2012					50 N.	11 E.	32	15
7/24/2012					50 N.	11 E.	32	16
7/24/2012	DSC03397	E	Flagging on route	See map	50 N.	11 E.	29	17
7/24/2012	DSC03392	E	Cairn for ATV track	See map	50 N.	11 E.	28	18
7/24/2012	DSC03398	S	Typical view of route	See map	50 N.	11 E.	33	19
7/24/2012	DSC03399	E	End of route	See map	50 N.	11 E.	32	20



#1, BLM 5965



#2 BLM 5965, spur to private



#3 Private Property gate



#4 Badger Creek Crossing



#5 typical view of route



#6 Route crossing Little Badger



#7, Access to private



#8, Typical view of BLM 5966



#9, View of route



#10, intersection, WAPPA powerline



#11 Gate at end of BLM 5966A



#12 Gate, View of USFS land



#13, Gate, private property sign



#17, flagging along route



#18, Cairn at ATV route



#19, view of route in aspen trees



#20 View of end of route

Evaluator (name/title): **Linda Skinner, Outdoor Recreation Planner** Date: **September 28, 2015**

PHOTO LOG

Photographer(s): Linda Skinner

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: CO-020-018

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
9/23/2015	JH_21_018	W	From road E looking into project area	N 4267907.547991 E 432168.230239	50 N	11 E	29	21
9/23/2015	JH_22_018	SW	Current project boundary	N 4267391.891698 E 431510.346352	50 N	11 E	29	22
9/23/2015	JH_23_018	S	ATV route K	N 4266799.394317 E 432822.204632	50 N	11 E	28	23
9/23/2015	JH_24_018	W	From ATV route K looking to west	N 4266799.394317 E 432822.204632	50 N	11 E	28	24
9/23/2015	JH_25_018	E	From ATV route K looking to east	N 4266799.394317 E 432822.204632	50 N	11 E	28	25
9/23/2015	JH_26_018	N	Some tree trimming on route K as part of build	N 4266799.394317 E 432822.204632	50 N	11 E	28	26
9/23/2015	JH_27_018	S	Jack Hall Mtn peak	N 4266561.689E 431495.192	50 N	11 E	32	27
9/23/2015	JH_28_018	S	Short access route on BLM from private ends at past project area	N 4267607.802096 E 430483.511171	50 N	11 E	30	28
9/23/2015	JH_29_018	N	Looking north to BLM from old forestry project	N 4267607.802096 E 430483.511171	50 N	11 E	30	29
9/23/2015	JH_30_018	NW	5966A designated route start	N 4261881.534527 E 433209.6884	49 N	11 E	16	30
9/23/2015	JH_31_018	N	5966A designated route	N 4262069.245065 E 433338.749701	49 N	11 E	16	31
9/23/2015	JH_32_018	NW	5966A designated route end	N 4262219.065437 E 433260.349305	49 N	11 E	9	32
9/23/2015	JH_33_018	NW	Admin route continues from 5966A	N 4262410.418162 E 433146.192658	49 N	11 E	9	33
9/23/2015	JH_34_018	W	Route CO-020-018E	N 4267272.056318 E 431307.480542	50 N	11 E	29	34
9/23/2015	JH_35_018	N	View to the north from route CO-020-018E	N 4267064.159777 E 431068.694499	50 N	11 E	30	35
9/23/2015	JH_36_018	S	View to the south from route CO-020-	N 4267034.652396 E 430817.579409	50 N	11 E	30	36

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9/23/2015	JH_37_018	N	Road leading to mine	N 4267095.625032 E 431145.750389	50 N	11 E	30	37
9/23/2015	JH_38_018	E	Mine	N 4267548.152754 E 431087.109604	50 N	11 E	30	38
9/23/2015	JH_39_018	S	WIR boundary	N 4269209.755509 E 431526.35264	50 N	11 E	20	39
9/23/2015	JH_40_018	E	WIR boundary	N 4268659.628468 E 432051.332193	50 N	11 E	20	40

JH_21_018

JH_22_01



JH_23_018

JH_24_018



JH_25_018



JH_26_018



JH_27_018



JH_28_018



JH_29_018



JH_30_018



JH_31_018



JH_32_018



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JH_36_018



JH_37_018



JH_38_018



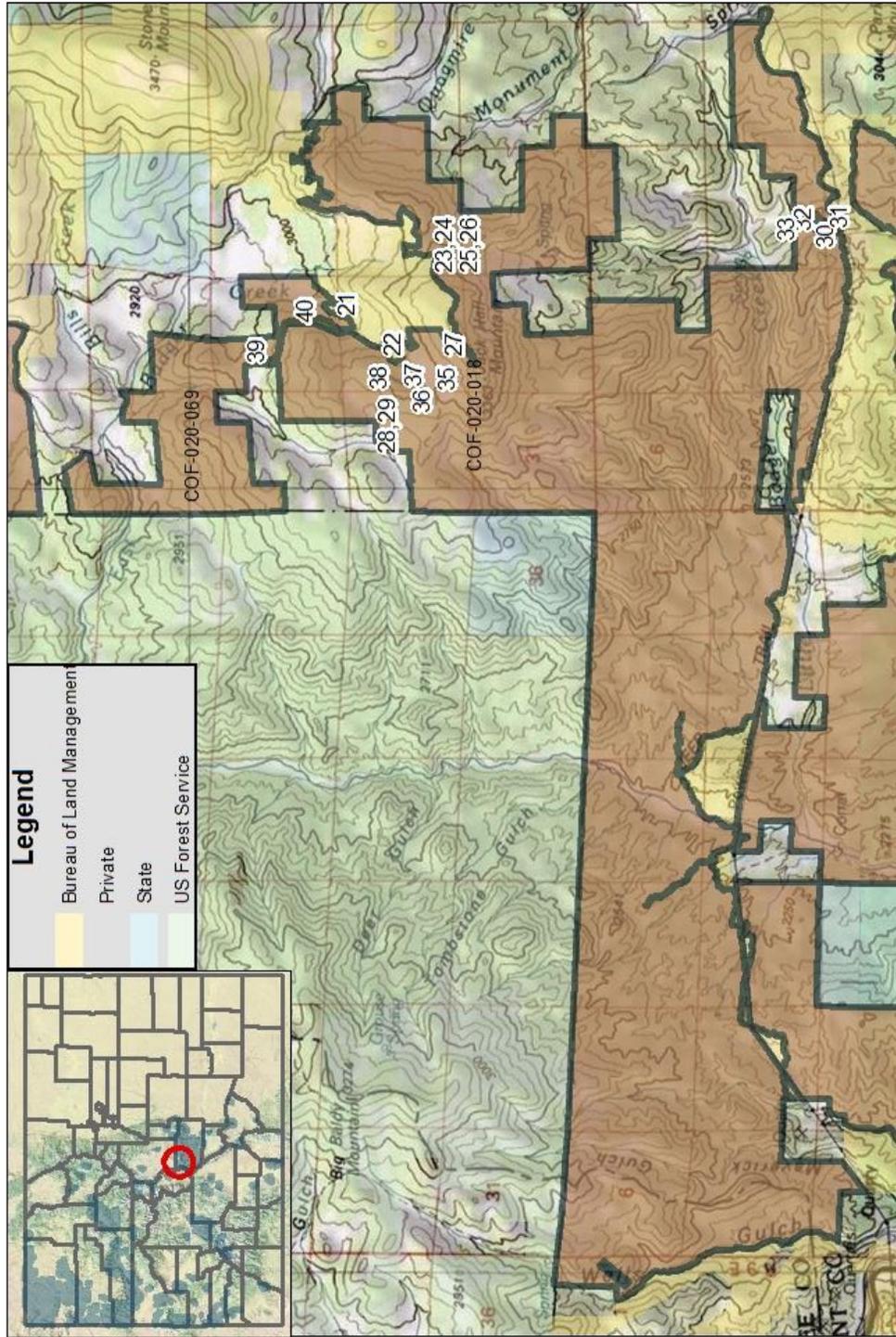
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Map 3 North Badger Creek photo points, 2015



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 Map by L Skinner 11/9/2015



**COF-020-018, North Badger Creek
 2015 Photopoints**



Royal Gorge Field Office Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Inventory, 2015: Evaluation of new information

Assessment and Determination

The BLM Royal Gorge Field Office followed manual 6310 in the performance of inventory for lands with wilderness characteristics. In response to new information submitted in May, 2015 by Wild Connections, the 2013 inventory was re-evaluated. A final review was made by comparing existing data and when needed additional field trips were taken to collect data by GPS, inventory forms, and photo points. Resource specialists were also consulted to determine if the conclusion reached in the 2013 inventory remains valid, or whether changes should occur. The above report documents those findings for the following area(s):

Unit ID	Unit Name	Total BLM acreage inventoried	Acreage with Wilderness Characteristics	Acreage without Wilderness Characteristics
COF-020-018	North Badger Creek	11,817.1	11,265.0	552.1

Review:

I have reviewed the inventory results, reports, photos, and maps for the above Lands with Wilderness Characteristics and concur with the findings as submitted.



James Kalem Lenard
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Date: 1/27/16



Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office

Date: 1/28/16