



**FORM 2**

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier **CO-030-302a** Acreage **3,959**  
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): **As digitized in GIS, the unit acreage and boundaries are depicted as follows: Unit CO-030-302a contains approximately 3,959 acres and is located in portions of T42N R6W (Sections 8,9,16,17,19,20,27-30, and 32-34) and T41N R6W (Sections 3-5, 8-10, and 15-17) .**

**Boundaries of the unit are roughly as follows:**

**The boundaries are roughly the Alpine Loop Road (west), assorted private lands in the Middle Mountain and Galena Mountain area (SW and S), the BLM/USFS boundary (E), and the Handies Peak WSA (NE). Significant private inholdings /patented claims make boundaries convoluted with an elongated north/south shape.**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities): **Mountainous sub-alpine/montane forest largely undeveloped. No substantial permanent developments are apparent.**

(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   X   N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): **The narrow shape, private lands, and development make these opportunities minimal. Area is < ¼ mile wide**

**in several places. Contiguous with Handie Peak WSA only along a small section of the NE portion of the unit. Nearby Weminuche Wilderness and Handies WSA provide much better opportunities.**

(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   X   N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation): **The intermingling of private and public lands, combined with the long and narrow shape of the unit make opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation less than outstanding. In particular, the possibility of inadvertent trespass hinders unconfined recreation in the unit.**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A   X  

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Summary of Analysis\*

Area Unique Identifier: CO-030-302a

### Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?  Yes  No (through continuity)
2. Does the area appear to be natural?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values?  Yes  No  N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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\* This form documents information that constitutes and inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

**FORM 1**

**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record**

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

No   X   (Go to Form 2) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) Inventory Source: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:**

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):

Inventory Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): **The shape, terrain, and private land activities reduce solitude opportunities. Very few parts of the unit provide true isolation from sights and sounds of man. The Silverton Ski area is adjacent/overlaps the unit. Helicopter skiing is approved under a BLM Special Recreation Permit.**

(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   X   N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation): **The intermingling of private and public lands, combined with the irregular shape of the unit make opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation less than outstanding. In particular, the possibility of inadvertent trespass hinders unconfined recreation in the unit.**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A   X  

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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