

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

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CO-030-301 Acreage 29,660

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

The area is divided into 2 sub-units:

030-301a: Approximately 10,150 acres

030-30 b: Approximately 19,510 acres

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

Sub-Unit CO-030-301a

(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 2012, the unit acreage and boundaries are depicted as follows:

Sub-unit "A" contains approximately 10,150 acres and is located in portions of T43N R18W (Sections 10, 15, 16, 20-23, 27, 28, 33 and 34), T42N R18W (Sections 1-4, 9-12, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 34-36), and T41N R18W (Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 14-16, 20-23, 28 and 29). Boundaries of the unit are private lands and spur roads near the canyon rim on the west, the Snaggletooth Road (CR 14 F in San Miguel County, CR 10 in Dolores County) along the Dolores River on the east, and the county road down Big Canyon (CR 10) to the Dove Creek Pump Station on the south.

(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):

The unit is largely undeveloped and is isolated canyon country. There are excellent ponderosa pine old growth stands in the river bottom. The unit includes riparian zone with sandstone canyon character.

(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 X No _____ N/A _____

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

Light traffic along the county road, which forms the eastern border of the unit, due to rough conditions. The river corridor is lightly floated due to intermittent flows, though when boatable flows occur (early spring, if at all) visitation along the river is intensive. Flows are dam released. Vegetation and topography provide screening in most areas.

(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 X No _____ 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):

Canyon exploration, boating, camping, hiking, and nature study.

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

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description:

Very scenic river corridor.

Sub-Unit CO-030-301b

(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 2012, the unit acreage and boundaries are depicted as follows: Sub-unit "B" contains approximately 19,510 acres and is located in portions of T43N R18W (Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 34-36), T42N R18W (Sections 1, 2, 12-14, 23-26, 35, and 36), T42N R17W (Sections 6, 7, 18, and 31), T41N R18W (Sections 1, 12-14, 2, 24, 26-28, 35, and 36), T41N R17W (Sections 6-9, 16-20, 28-30, and 32-34), T40N R18W (Section 2), T40N R17W (Sections 3-6, 8, 9, 16, 21, 28, 32, and 34), and T39N R17W (Sections 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17). Boundaries of the unit north of Big Canyon are the Snaggletooth Road (are private lands and spur roads on the west, the Snaggletooth Road (CR 14 F in San Miguel County, CR 10 in Dolores County) along the Dolores River on the west, and roads/road spurs near the canyon rim on the east. South of Big Canyon, the boundaries are private lands and roads/spur roads near the canyon rim on the west, Bradfield Bridge Recreation Site on the south, and USFS managed lands and roads/spur roads near the canyon rim on the east.

(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):

The unit is largely undeveloped and is isolated canyon country. There are excellent ponderosa pine old growth stands in the river bottom. The unit includes riparian zone with sandstone canyon character.

(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 X No _____ N/A _____

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

Light traffic along the county road, which forms the western border of the unit, due to rough conditions. The river corridor is lightly floated due to intermittent flows, though

when boatable flows occur (early spring, if at all) visitation along the river is intensive. Flows are dam released. Vegetation and topography provide screening in most areas.

(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 X No _____ N/A _____

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

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Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description:

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Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: CO-030-301 A and B__

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
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 an 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.