

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to Form 2) Yes  X

(If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

- a) Inventory Source: BLM 1990 Wilderness FEIS, 1991 Wilderness Study Report
- b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CO-030-252
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): In file "Weber Menefee Mtns"
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Montrose/San Juan RA.  
-Prior inventory data for general area only (Weber Mtn WSA).

## 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: BLM 1990 Wilderness FEIS, 1991 Wilderness Study Report

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
CO-030-252*	Y				

\*This inventory was for the WeberMtn WSA and only alluded to the current inventory area in passing reference as to why portions were not included in the original WSA designation. As such, it referenced impacts of man (oil and gas well pads, routes, agricultural impacts) along the northern boundary (what is being referenced as CO-030-252a in this analysis) and 2 pre-FLPMA oil and gas leases within the WSA itself.

**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier CO-030-252a Acreage 355 (per GIS)  
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

**-All acreages are approximate and were derived through GIS analysis. Boundaries along roads are depicted with an off-set for mapping purposes only.**

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.  
Unit is adjacent to Weber Mtn. WSA.

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-030-252a contains approximately 355 acres and is located in portions of T35N R13W (Sections 7 and 8). Boundaries of the unit are private lands to the north, east, and west and is adjacent to the Weber Mtn. WSA to the south.**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?  
Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Power lines, houses, fences, barns, and pastures in the foreground (from CR 39). Significant development adjacent to the north of the unit. Interior of unit hoes, however, appear to be natural.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturallness 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):

**Sights and sounds of human development are prevalent from most, if not all, of the unit.**

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturallness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

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

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

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

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

### Summary of Analysis\*

\* 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.

Area Unique Identifier: CO-030-252a

**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  
Unit meets the size criteria through adjacency to the WSA.

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

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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Date: *11.2.12*

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No \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to Form 2) Yes X

(If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) Inventory Source: San Juan/San Miguel Planning Area BLM 1990 Wilderness FEIS, Wilderness Study Report, Vol II, Montrose District (1991)

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CO-030-251

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): In file "Weber Menefee Mtns"

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Tres Rios FO/SW Colorado DO.

-Prior inventory data for general area only (Menefee Mtn WSA), which specifically excluded the northern portion of the unit (what this document refers to as unit CO-030-251a) due to roads, ways, mining activity, and fire suppression lines.

**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: BLM 1990 Wilderness FEIS, 1991 Wilderness Study Report

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
CO-030-251* EIS pg 3-27 to 3-29	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

\*This Inventory was for the Menefee Mtn WSA and only alluded to the current inventory area in passing reference as to why portions were not included in the original WSA designation. As such, it referenced impacts of man (roads, ways, mining activity, and fire suppression lines) along the northern boundary (what is being referenced as CO-030-251a in this analysis.

**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier CO-030-251a Acreage 1,157 (per GIS)

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

-All acreages are approximate and were derived through GIS analysis. Boundaries along roads are depicted with an off-set for mapping purposes only.

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  No

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

Unit is adjacent to Menefee Mtn. WSA.

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-030-251a contains approximately 1,157 acres and is located in portions of T36N R13W (Sections 26,34,35) and T35N R13W (Sections 2,3, and 10). Boundaries of the unit are private lands to the north, west and south (in part), State Land to the East, and is adjacent to the Menefee Mtn. WSA to the south (in part).

The unit is mapped and saved under the GIS "T" drive at:

T:\CO\GIS\giswork\sjplc\development\recreation\WC\WSA\_L\WCs\lands\WithWildernessCharacteristics.mdb

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  No  N/A

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Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.  
Primarily natural, south side dominated by towers, view of Hwy 160 from places. Old roads/routes visible along ridges.

(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):  
Natural screening via cliffs/ridges. Very low use levels. No other people/vehicles encountered.

(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.  
Significant natural screening by vegetation and topography. Hiking, biking, camping, wildlife viewing, photography, etc..

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

Yes   X                        No                                 N/A           

See Wilderness EIS pg 3-29.

## Summary of Analysis\*

Area Unique Identifier: CO-030-251a

### 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  
Unit meets the size criteria through adjacency to the WSA.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?  Yes  No  N/A  
All three subunits which meet the size criteria were also found to be primarily natural in appearance.

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

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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**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: BLM 1990 Wilderness FEIS, 1991 Wilderness Study Report

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-030-251B Acreage 5,162 (per GIS)  
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

-All acreages are approximate and were derived through GIS analysis. Boundaries along roads are depicted with an off-set for mapping purposes only.

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:**

**South and East of Menefee Mt. WSA. County Road (east Canyon) forms west boundary, East boundary closely follows LaPlata/Montezuma County line. GIS analysis did not account for area shape or manageability. Unit contains (4) four places where unit is less than 1/4 mile across.**

**Unit CO-030-251b contains approximately 5,162 acres and is located in portions of T35N R12W (Sections 7,17-19, and 30), T35N R13W (Sections 13, 23-26, and 35), and T34N R13W (Sections 1-5 and 7-9).**

(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.

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**Relatively steep topography has precluded much development. Private lands surround the area and severely limit access. Radio tower at north end of unit. Homes and developments adjacent to unit. State land (section 36) decreases area continuity.**

(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):  
**Area shape significantly limits these opportunities. Sights and sounds of human activity are prevalent throughout area.**

(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.  
**Area can be traversed in a matter of minutes in many places. Recreation opportunities very limited due to unit's shape and orientation. Sights and sounds of human development are prevalent.**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A   X

**Summary of Analysis\***

**Area Unique Identifier:** CO-030-251b

**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  
All three subunits which meet the size criteria were also found to be primarily natural in appearance.
  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
- 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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