

Polygon 5 the Wagonroad/Galloway Gulch Area

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): _____

Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _____

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)

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Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier Polygon 5 Acreage 5,179

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

1. Is the area of sufficient size? (If area meets an exception to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception):

Yes No

(If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

Description (boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

Rio Blanco County Road (RBC) 144 on the East, Private properties to the North and South, and BLM road 1020 to the West.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No NA

(If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

Description (land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses and activities):

BLM managed lands with rolling ridges and mesa tops that are separated by deep drainages. The vegetation cover ranges from pinyon and juniper woodlands in the lower elevations phasing to a mixed mountain browse in the higher elevations with mountain mahogany, service berry, mountain big sagebrush, pockets of aspen, wildflowers, and native grasses. There are some pockets of noxious weeds and cheat grass in and around the cattle concentration areas at range improvements. Major human use appears to be grazing utilization, range improvements, hunting and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) sage grouse study.

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

(If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics – see question 4)

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): **Could not hear the compressor station located 2 miles to the NW of the polygon. Private access to the**

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two track routes and range improvements (water pipeline, fence, and stock ponds) limits the public's motorized access ability and use of the routes. Could not hear any traffic on RBC 144 or see any traffic traveling the road.

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 (If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics; if "No" is checked for both questions 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):

Due to the lack of public access within the polygon, there is great opportunity for hunting, hiking, photography, and horseback riding

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

Yes No NA

Description:

6. Summary of Analysis to document information that constitutes the inventory finding on 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. 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).

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

Check one:

- The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics (*all 3 bullets must be answered "yes"*).
- The area does not have wilderness characteristics (*one or more of the bullets is answered "no"*).

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7. Prepared by (list team members, titles, date, signatures; add lines as needed):

Evaluator (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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8. Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____