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**FORM 1**

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

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

No  (go to Form 2) Yes  (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers of those areas):

- a) Inventory Source: N/A
- b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s): N/A
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): N/A
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): N/A

**2. BLM Inventory Finds 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: N/A

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



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**FORM 2**

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

Area Number/Name: White River Unit 017	Acreage: 7,165 acres
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(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 “NA” for the remaining questions below.

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

The eastern boundary of the unit is Rio Blanco County Road 103; the western boundary is a moderately-used dirt road; the northern boundary is BLM Road 1105; and the southern boundary is a two-track route. Out of eight routes surveyed, none were found to meet the definition of a Wilderness Inventory Road.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes  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):

Unit 017 is located in Bio Blanco County, approximately 17 miles east of Rangely, Colorado to the south of Colorado Highway 64. This unit is located in Township 1 North, Range 99 and 100 West; and Township 2 North, Range 99 and 100 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is wholly owned by the BLM. The topography consists of two ridges running north to south with a valley that extends across the northernmost portion. The unit has a high ridge close to the eastern border that runs north to south. On the western side is a lower ridge that runs north and south as well. This ridge is not heavily vegetated and allows expansive views. Both ridges offer views of the entire site and the surrounding landscape. Through the middle portion of the site is a narrow valley that opens towards the northern end and is cut off by a small ridge running east. This small ridge is essential to the naturalness of the site because it cuts off the view to the highway and transmission lines. Vegetation in the unit consists of pinyon-juniper forest cover in the



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higher elevations and mixed grasses and sagebrush in the lower elevations. Human uses within the site include recreational activities (hunting, camping, hiking, and wildlife observation) and range improvements (livestock management/grazing).

(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  N/A

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

The lack of routes into the unit makes access difficult, which allows for excellent opportunities for solitude throughout the site year round. The topography also aids in the isolated feelings the unit provides.

(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  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):

This area supports a large amount of hunting indicated by both the number of hunters and wildlife observed on this site. The unit could also support camping and hiking.

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

Yes  No  N/A

Description:

Unit 017 contains no supplemental values.



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### Summary of Analysis

**Area Name and/or Number:** White River Unit 017

#### Summary

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

#### Results of analysis:

Unit 017 is located in Bio Blanco County, approximately 17 miles east of Rangely, Colorado to the south of Colorado Highway 64. This unit is located in Township 1 North, Range 99 and 100 West; and Township 2 North, Range 99 and 100 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is wholly owned by the BLM. The topography consists of two ridges running north to south with a valley that extends across the northernmost portion. The unit has a high ridge close to the eastern border that runs north to south. On the western side is a lower ridge that runs north and south as well. This ridge is not heavily vegetated and allows expansive views. Both ridges offer views of the entire site and the surrounding landscape. Through the middle portion of the site is a narrow valley that opens towards the northern end and is cut off by a small ridge running east. This small ridge is essential to the naturalness of the site because it cuts off the view to the highway and transmission lines. Vegetation in the unit consists of pinyon-juniper forest cover in the higher elevations and mixed grasses and sagebrush in the lower elevations. Human uses within the site include recreational activities (hunting, camping, hiking, and wildlife observation) and range improvements (livestock management/grazing).

Survey of this unit found that all 7,165 acres of this unit possessed Wilderness Characteristics.

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 of solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values?  Yes  No  N/A

Field Office: White River  
Unit: 017



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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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