

LWC 25-Lower Wolf Creek, June 2013

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: Transwest EIS (AECOM-contractor)

Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CO-110-25

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

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): CO NW District- White River FO

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)
CO-110-25	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

(add rows as needed)

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

Area Unique Identifier CO-110-25 Acreage 11,559

(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.):

Based on new information provided to the BLM-WRFO that meets the minimum standard for review as defined in BLM Manual 6310, the boundary for LWC polygon 25 (Lower Wolf Creek) was re-evaluated using aerial photography, staff knowledge of the area, and GIS maps. Based on this information, it was determined that the western boundary is actually BLM Road 1506 (Divide Creek) and not the previously mapped un-numbered BLM road that formed the western boundary. This un-numbered BLM road does not meet the criteria for a Wilderness Inventory Road, but BLM Road 1506 (Divide Creek) does meet the criteria and therefore is the revised western boundary of LWC polygon 25. It was also determined that the northern boundary should be a large energy transmission line and not the various roads as previously mapped. These boundary adjustments change the acreage for LWC polygon 25 from 9,600 to 11,559 acres. See attached map.

The other wilderness characteristics from the previous LWC inventory for polygon 25 remain unchanged and are still considered valid.

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"*).

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

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Evaluator (name/title): _____ Date: _____
Evaluator (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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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 025	Acreage: 9,567 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 south and east boundaries of Unit 025 defined by BLM Road 1506. The northwest boundary is defined by two sets of transmission lines and/or the associated road. The west and southwest boundary defined by a partially reclaimed road, paralleling a large creek/ravine. Out of two routes surveyed, only Route 01 was 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 025 is located in Moffat County, northeast of Massadona, and is directly accessible from Colorado Highway 40 and BLM Road 1506 to the north. The unit is located in Township 3 North, Range 99 West; and Township 4 North, Range 99 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is wholly owned by the BLM. The topography and vegetation consist of low to moderate relief hills and ravines with sagebrush and low mixed grass cover. A transmission line ROW with large towers defines the northwest boundary. Other human uses include recreational activities (hunting, camping, hiking, and wildlife observation).

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalsness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?



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Yes No N/A

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

Unit 025 exists in a very quiet environment. Local highway (Colorado Highway 40) can be occasionally seen, but not heard. Local relief provides a sense of isolation. Manmade improvements are non-existent (except for transmission line ROW on northern boundary).

(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):

Although the area has marginal visual appeal, there exists opportunities for hiking, hunting, camping, and wildlife observation in a remote area.

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

No supplemental values were observed. Area has limited visual appeal.



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Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: White River Unit 025

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 025 is located in Moffat County, northeast of Massadona, and is directly accessible from Colorado Highway 40 and BLM Road 1506 to the north. The unit is located in Township 3 North, Range 99 West; and Township 4 North, Range 99 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is wholly owned by the BLM. The topography and vegetation consist of low to moderate relief hills and ravines with sagebrush and low mixed grass cover. A transmission line ROW with large towers defines the northwest boundary. Other human uses include recreational activities (hunting, camping, hiking, and wildlife observation).

Survey of this unit found that all 9,567 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

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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