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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 021	Acreage: 9,021 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 northern boundary is a combination of property lines (west side) and BLM Road 1506. The eastern boundary is a dirt road of unknown identification. The southern boundary is a combination of property boundaries (eastern half) and Rio Blanco County Road 73. The western boundary is Rio Blanco County Road 78. Out of six routes surveyed, only Route 02 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 021 is located in Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, southeast of Massadona and Colorado Highway 40. The unit is located in Township 3 North, Range 99 and 100 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is BLM-owned and bounded on the southeast by private property. The landscape morphology is dominated by Coal Ridge, an east/west trending linear mountain of tilted rock beds. Upper slopes are covered in pinyon-juniper; lower elevations are dominated by sage, greasewood, and mixed grasses. Human uses of the area include recreational activities (hunting, hiking, camping, climbing, and wildlife observation).

(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?

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Yes No N/A

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

The majority of this unit is visually segregated from manmade infrastructure. High, forested uplands offer a sense of remoteness and seclusion. Unique ridge topography serves as a buffer from outside civilization.

(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):

High relief and unique ridge topography provide an interesting and visually beautiful environment for exploring, hiking, and camping. The area is also suitable for hunting; animal signs were observed.

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

The area has distinctive scenic value. Abrupt ridge topography is visually unique in this region.



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Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: White River Unit 021

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 021 is located in Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, southeast of Massadona and Colorado Highway 40. The unit is located in Township 3 North, Range 99 and 100 West (Ute Meridian). The unit is wholly owned by the BLM and bounded on the southeast by private property. The landscape morphology is dominated by Coal Ridge, an east/west trending linear mountain of tilted rock beds. Upper slopes are covered in pinyon-juniper; lower elevations are dominated by sage, greasewood, and mixed grasses. Human uses of the area may include recreational activities (hunting, hiking, camping, climbing, and wildlife observation).

Survey of this unit found that all 9,021 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.

Prepared by (team members):

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