

## LWC 11-Barcus 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-110-11  
 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-110-11  | YES                               | YES                  | YES   | YES  | NO                            |
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## Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CO-110-11

Acreage 12,250

(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-White River Field Office that meets the minimum standard for review as defined in BLM Manual 6310, the boundary for LWC polygon 11 (Barcus Creek) was re-evaluated using aerial photography, staff knowledge of the area, and GIS maps. The north and east boundaries remain largely the same. However, it was determined that the southwestern boundary follows Rio Blanco County (RBC) Road 88 (Barcus Creek) further south to a pipeline corridor then follows the pipeline corridor south to BLM Road 1142. This road is "cherry-stemmed" out for a few miles. The boundary then follows BLM Road 1128 south to the junction with RBC Road 122 (Calamity Ridge). The boundary then follows RBC Road 122 north to an unnumbered BLM road that leads to well pads and then travels south again to rejoin RBC Road 122. There are two "cherry-stemmed" roads and well pads along this route that are excluded from the boundary. See attached map for details. This changes acres for LWC polygon 11 from 10,271 to 12,250 acres.**

**The other wilderness characteristics from the previous inventory 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):

Evaluator (name/title): **Aaron Grimes, Outdoor Recreation Planner** Date: **June 25, 2013**

Evaluator (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: Walter E. Walter

Title: FIELD MANAGER

Date: 07/18/13





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|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
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| 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) |
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## Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier Polygon 11 Acreage 10,271 Acres

(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.):

CPAW boundary to the east and north, Rio Blanc County road (RBC) 88 to the west and Pinto Gulch to the south.

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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 land with steep terrain, long drainages vegetated with sagebrush in the drainage bottoms and pinyon and juniper woodlands on the ridge tops. The primary uses in the area are big game hunting and cattle grazing.

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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):   **The area is vast and the outside development can not be seen.**  

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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):   **primitive camping, hiking and backcountry hunting.**  

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

Yes  No  NA

Description:

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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 X No \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

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

Evaluator (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluator (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluator (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_