

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

LA GARITA WILDERNESS

GUNNISON AND RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith,
represent the location of the boundary of the La Garita
Wilderness on the Gunnison and Rio Grande National
Forests as it existed as of the date of the Wilderness
Act (Public Law 88-577).

Signed June 21, 1965,


Regional Forester

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The Exterior Boundary of La Garita Wilderness,
Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests, Rocky Mountain Region,
May 26, 1965, as Reported to Congress Pursuant to
Section 3 (a) (1) of the Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577).

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION 1/

Rio Grande National Forest Portion

New Mexico Principal Meridian: Beginning at a point on the Continental Divide in section 25, T. 43 N., R. 1 E., where it is intersected by the ridge between the drainages of the Lake Fork and Middle Creek of the Middle Fork of Saguache Creek;
thence easterly along this main ridge approximately 2/ 1.00 mile;
thence southeasterly down a minor ridge .80 mile to Middle Creek;
thence northeasterly down Middle Creek and the Middle Fork of Saguache Creek 2.30 miles to a point west of the north summit of Sheep Mountain;
thence east 1.61 miles to the north summit of Sheep Mountain;
thence southward along the east rim of Sheep Mountain 1.90 miles to the confluence of a ridge, between minor tributaries of the South Fork of Saguache Creek, on the south end of Sheep Mountain;
thence southeasterly down this ridge 1.40 mile to South Fork of Saguache Creek;
thence .10 mile down South Fork of Saguache Creek to the mouth of Whale Creek;
thence east .18 mile to the crest of the ridge between Whale Creek and Wannamaker Creek;
thence southward along this ridge 4.00 miles to the top of Palmer Mesa and the Saguache-Mineral county line in section 24, T. 42 N., R. 2 E.;
thence northwesterly along the top of Palmer Mesa, the Saguache-Mineral county line, and the La Garita Mountains 6.20 miles to a point which is .13 mile west of Halfmoon Triangulation Station;
thence continuing northwesterly on the crest of the La Garita Mountains divide across La Garita Peak 6.30 miles to its intersection with the Continental Divide, which point is 1.35 miles northwesterly from Machin Lake;

1/ All lands in this description are unsurveyed.

2/ All distances cited in this description are approximate.

Gunnison National Forest Portion

thence northwesterly along the crest of the Continental Divide 9.70 miles to the intersection of the section line between sections 28 and 29, T. 43 N., R. 1 W.;
 thence north 3.32 miles to the northwest corner of section 9, T. 43 N., R. 1 W.;
 thence east 2.08 miles to the northeast corner of section 10, T. 43 N., R. 1 W.;
 thence north .34 mile to the township line between T. 43 N. and T. 44 N., R. 1 W.;
 thence north 1.00 mile to the northwest corner of section 35, T. 44 N., R. 1 W.;
 thence east 1.00 mile to the northeast corner of section 35 of said township;
 thence north .48 mile;
 thence east 1.01 miles to the New Mexico Principal Meridian;
 thence east 2.00 miles to the intersection of the section line between sections 28 and 29, T. 44 N., R. 1 E.;
 thence south .48 mile to the southwest corner of section 28, T. 44 N., R. 1 E.;
 thence east .50 mile;
 thence south .50 mile;
 thence east 1.50 miles to the section line between sections 34 and 35, T. 44 N., R. 1 E.;
 thence south .50 mile to the township line between T. 43 N. and T. 44 N., R. 1 E.;
 thence east on said township line .50 mile;
 thence south 1.46 miles;
 thence west .50 mile to the northwest corner of section 14, T. 43 N., R. 1 E., which point is .25 mile north of Cochetopa Creek;
 thence south 1.08 miles to the southwest corner of section 14 of said township;
 thence east 2.34 miles to the crest of the Continental Divide;
 thence southwesterly 1.50 miles along the Continental Divide to the point of beginning, containing 48,486 acres 1/ more or less.

The above described area has been plotted on a 1 inch>equals-1 mile scale map, dated May 26, 1965, which is attached and made a part of this description.

1/ Gross acreage within the described boundary (all ownerships).