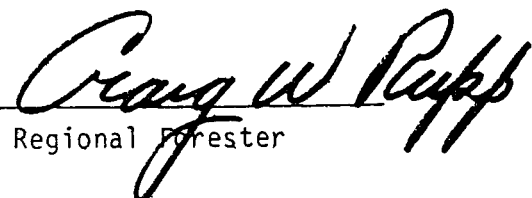


NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM
LIZARD HEAD WILDERNESS
SAN JUAN AND UNCOMPAHGRE NATIONAL FORESTS

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith, represent
the location of the boundary of the Lizard Head Wilderness on
the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests as it existed as of
the date of Public Law 96-560.

Signed April 8, 1983


Regional Forester

Lizard Head Wilderness

San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests

Boundary Description

Beginning on the summit of Black Face (elevation 12,147 feet) in the San Miguel Mountains, latitude 37°49'26", longitude 107°55'15", which is on the boundary between the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests and on the boundary between Dolores and San Miguel Counties, Colorado;

thence westerly on the hydrographic divide between Wilson Creek and Snow Spur Creek, and on said forest and county boundary, 0.8 mile to the hydrographic divide between Lizard Head Creek and Snow Spur Creek;

thence southerly on the latter divide entering the San Juan National Forest and Dolores County, 1.7 miles to the intersection of a line 200 feet northwest of and parallel to the centerline of the right-of-way for the Ames - Rico 12.5 KV powerline;

thence due west less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet east of, and parallel to, the centerline of Forest Development Road (FDR) 424;

thence northwesterly on said line 1.4 miles to an elevation of 11,200 feet;

thence westerly on the 11,200-foot contour less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet west of, and parallel to, the centerline of said FDR 424;

thence southeasterly on said line 1.1 miles to the intersection of a line 100 feet north of, and parallel to, the centerline of Trail No. 634;

thence westerly on said trail offset line 4.6 miles to the thread of Coal Creek;

thence northerly on the thread of said creek 0.4 mile to an elevation of 10,190 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 10,702 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.3 miles to a summit with an elevation of 10,939 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 10,280 feet;

thence westerly in a series of straight lines 0.8 mile through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X Meters</u>	<u>Y Meters</u>
759,435	4,188,528
759,186	4,188,319
758,277	4,188,500

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to a point at 10,000 feet in elevation on the UTM 4,188,335 meter Y coordinate line;

thence southerly on the 10,000 foot contour 1.2 miles to the first intersection of the UTM 4,186,367 meter Y coordinate line;

thence southerly and westerly in a series of straight lines through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X Meters</u>	<u>Y Meters</u>
757,780	4,186,158
757,265	4,186,170
757,032	4,186,680
756,419	4,186,318
756,078	4,186,536

thence westerly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the 9,400 foot elevation on the tread of Cold Creek;

thence southerly on the 9,400 foot contour, 0.2 mile to the hydrographic divide between Cold Creek and an unnamed, south-easterly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 9,100 feet in elevation;

thence northwesterly and northerly on said divide and the hydrographic divide between Cold Creek and Willow Creek, 3.0 miles to an elevation of 11,000 feet;

thence northerly and westerly on the 11,000 foot contour, 2.8 miles to the hydrographic divide between Fish Creek and Beaver Creek which is the boundary between the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests, and the boundary between Dolores and San Miguel Counties;

thence northerly on said contour, entering the Uncompahgre National Forest and San Miguel County, 1.3 miles to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining Beaver Creek at 9,550 feet in elevation;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,200 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to an elevation of 10,680 feet on the thread of East Beaver Creek;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 1.5 miles to elevation 10,440 feet on the thread of McCullach Creek;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to an elevation of 10,480 feet on the thread of an unnamed, northerly-flowing tributary joining Saltado Creek at 9,670 feet in elevation;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,600 feet on the hydrographic divide between said tributary and said creek;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,520 feet on the thread of said creek;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,640 feet on the hydrographic divide between Saltado Creek and Fall Creek;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,560 feet on the hydrographic divide between Fall Creek and an unnamed, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 8,750 feet in elevation;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to an elevation of 10,000 feet on the thread of an unnamed, easterly-flowing tributary joining Fall Creek at 9,550 feet in elevation;

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.6 mile to said confluence;

thence N77°30'E, 0.3 mile to the first point with an elevation of 9,800 feet;

thence easterly and southerly on the 9,800-foot contour, overlooking Fall Creek to the north and Muddy Creek to the east, 0.6 mile to a point due west of a summit with an elevation of 10,037 feet;

thence due east 0.4 mile to said summit;

thence northeasterly in a straight line, crossing Woods Lake Trail, 0.5 mile to an elevation of 9,840 feet on the hydrographic divide between Fall Creek and an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 9,240 feet in elevation;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to an elevation of 9,680 feet on the thread of the southwest branch of said tributary which forks at 9,380 feet in elevation;

thence N52°E, 1,400 feet to a point;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to an elevation of 10,600 feet on the hydrographic divide between Fall Creek and Elk Creek;

thence southeasterly on the 10,600-foot contour, on the east side of said divide, 0.7 mile to the intersection of a line that bears N87°W from the confluence at elevation 10,420 feet of Elk Creek and an unnamed, northerly flowing tributary;

thence S14°W, 1,600 feet to a point;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.7 mile to an elevation of 11,240 feet on the thread of Elk Creek;

thence S58°E, 1,250 feet to a point;

thence S15°E, 800 feet to a point;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a summit with an elevation of 13,498 feet on the boundary between the Uncompahgre and San Juan National Forests and the boundary between San Miguel and Dolores Counties;

thence easterly on the hydrographic divide between Elk and Big Bear Creeks and West Dolores River, on said Forest and county boundary, 1.3 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 13,520 feet;

thence northeasterly on the hydrographic divide between Big Bear Creek and Bilk Creek, entering Uncompahgre National Forest and San Miguel County, 0.4 mile to the summit of Wilson Peak (elevation 14,017 feet);

thence northwesterly on the hydrographic divide between Big Bear Creek and an unnamed, northerly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 8,950 feet in elevation, 2.1 miles to an elevation of 10,600 feet;

thence easterly on the 10,600-foot contour, 0.7 mile to the intersection of a line 50 feet east of, and parallel to, the centerline of an unnamed trail that intersects Wilson Mesa Trail No. 421 near the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 10 West;

thence northerly on said line 0.8 mile to the intersection of a line 50 feet south of, and parallel to, the centerline of Wilson Mesa Trail No. 421;

thence easterly on said Trail No. 421, offset line 2.8 miles to the intersection of a line 50 feet west of, and parallel to, the centerline of Bilk Trail No. 409;

thence southerly on said Trail No. 409, offset line 2.1 miles to a point due west of the southwest corner of Section 26, T 42 N, R 10 W;

thence S16°W, 1,100 feet to a point;

thence N75°E, less than 0.1 mile to the thread of Bilk Creek;

thence northerly on the thread of said creek less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet east of, and parallel to, the centerline of FDR 623;

thence northerly on said offset line 0.7 mile to the intersection of a line bearing N81°E from the confluences of Bilk Creek and the stream flowing in Magpie Gulch;

thence due east 0.1 mile to point at elevation 10,400 feet;

thence easterly on the 10,400-foot contour 0.9 mile to the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, intermittent, northeasterly-flowing stream that enters an unnamed pond at latitude 37°52'58", longitude 107°55'12" and an unnamed, intermittent, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining South Fork San Miguel River at 8,340 feet in elevation;

thence due east 0.1 mile to the thread of the latter tributary;

thence N54°E, 0.1 mile to a point with elevation 10,000 feet;

thence easterly on the 10,000-foot contour 0.6 mile to the hydrographic divide between two branches of an unnamed, intermittent, northerly-flowing tributary that forks at 9,520 feet in elevation and joins South Fork San Miguel River at 8,390 feet in elevation;

thence easterly in a straight line less than 0.1 mile to an elevation of 9,800 feet on the thread of the easterly branch of said tributary;

thence northeasterly and southeasterly on the 9,800-foot contour, overlooking South Fork San Miguel River to the northeast, 0.9 mile to a point due west of benchmark D-149 (elevation 8,946 feet) on the abandoned Rio Grande Southern Railroad right-of-way;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to an elevation of 9,200 feet on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the southwest into Lake Fork San Miguel River and South Fork San Miguel River downstream from the confluence of Lake Fork;

thence southerly on the 9,200-foot contour 0.6 mile to the thread of Wilson Creek;

thence S77°W, 1,400 feet to a point;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.7 mile to a summit on San Bernardo Mountain with an elevation of 11,822 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line through a summit with an elevation of 10,978, 0.7 mile to a point with an elevation of 10,800 feet, less than 0.1 mile southeast of said summit;

thence southerly on the 10,800-foot contour 0.3 mile to a point due east of a summit with an elevation of 11,302;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.4 mile to the intersection of the centerline of Lizard Head Trail No. 409 and a line 200 feet north of, and parallel to, the centerline of Colorado State Highway No. 145;

thence N85°W, 2,300 feet to a point;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,747;

thence southwesterly on the hydrographic divide between Wilson Creek and Lake Fork San Miguel River 1.0 mile to the point of beginning.

Containing the following acreages:

San Miguel County	20,557 acres
Dolores County	<u>20,939 acres</u>

Total41,496 acres

Acreage figures were computed from the latest approved survey plats and/or protraction diagrams.

Geodetic bearings are used in this description. Elevations refer to 1927 North American Datum. The above described area has been plotted on, and elevations determined from, the following U.S. Geological Survey 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps (with indicated publication dates) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Gray Head	1953
Little Cone	1953
Groundhog Mountain	1964
Delores Peak	1953
Mount Wilson	1953