

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM
SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS
RIO GRANDE AND SAN JUAN NATIONAL FORESTS

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

Signed January 11, 1983


Regional Forester

SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS

Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests, Colorado

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the lowest point in a saddle on the Continental Divide between the headwaters of Summit Creek on the west and the Adams Fork on the east, and on the boundary between the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests, Colorado;

thence northeasterly on said divide and said Forest boundary 1.1 miles to Summit Peak (elevation 13,300 feet);

thence northwesterly on said divide and said Forest boundary 0.3 mile to a point due west of the outlet of an unnamed lake on Treasure Creek at an elevation of 12,149 feet;

thence due east, entering the Rio Grande National Forest, 0.1 mile to the outlet of said lake;

thence easterly on the thread of Treasure Creek 1.9 miles to the confluence with the stream flowing in Dolores Canyon;

thence southerly on the thread of said stream 0.6 mile to the confluence at an elevation of 11,120 feet of an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,582 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,440 feet located 0.1 mile south of Cascade Creek;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,726 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,851 feet;

thence S67°E, 0.2 mile to the thread of Gold Creek;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with an elevation of 12,075 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,720 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,600 feet on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the north into Adams Fork upstream and downstream from elevation 10,280 feet;

thence southerly on said divide 0.9 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,177 feet;

thence southerly in a straight line across Adams Fork 0.9 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,600 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,040 feet;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to the thread of the Conejos River at the confluence at elevation 10,070 feet with an unnamed, intermittent, northwesterly-flowing tributary;

thence southeasterly on the thread of said tributary 1.0 mile to elevation 11,800 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to a summit with an elevation of 12,505 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line across Canon Diablo 1.1 miles to a summit with an elevation of 13,044 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 12,904 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 12,560 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.7 mile to the intersection of the centerline of Trail 719 and the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southeasterly-flowing tributary joining Saddle Creek at an elevation of 11,080 feet;

thence southeasterly on the thread of said tributary 0.4 mile to said confluence;

thence easterly on the thread of Saddle Creek 3.2 miles to the intersection with a line 1,320 feet west of and parallel to the right bank of the Conejos River;

thence southerly on said line 4.8 miles to the intersection of a line between corners 6 and 7 of Tract 39 in Section 36, T35N R4-1/2E, New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.2 mile to corner 7 of said tract;

thence easterly on a line through corner 8 of said tract, less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 1,320 feet west of and parallel to the right bank of the Conejos River;

thence southeasterly on said line 0.6 mile to the intersection of a line between corners 7 and 8 of Tract 38 in Section 6, T34N R5E;

thence southerly in a straight line less than 0.1 mile to corner 8 of said tract;

thence easterly in a straight line through corner 9 of said tract, 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 1,320 feet west of and parallel to the right bank of the Conejos River;

thence southerly on said line 4.9 miles to the intersection of a line 500 feet west of and parallel to Trail 730;

thence southerly on said line 0.5 mile to the intersection with a line 500 feet northwest of and parallel to Trail 729;

thence southwesterly on said line 0.5 mile to a point on the centerline of Trail 727;

thence southeasterly on the centerline of Trail 727, 0.1 mile to the centerline of Trail 729;

thence southwesterly on the centerline of Trail 729, 0.2 mile to the centerline of Trail 731;

thence southeasterly on the centerline of Trail 731, 1.4 mile to a point due north of the confluence of Elk Creek and South Elk Creek;

thence due south 0.1 mile to said confluence;

thence southerly on the thread of South Elk Creek 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line that bears S14°E from a summit with an elevation of 9,938 feet;

thence S14°E, 0.2 mile to the thread of an unnamed, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining the stream flowing from Beaver Lake at elevation 9,500 feet;

thence northeasterly on the thread of said tributary 0.5 mile to said confluence;

thence southerly on the thread of the stream flowing from Beaver Lake 0.2 mile to the outlet of said lake at the mean high water line;

thence clockwise around said lake on the mean high water line 0.1 mile to the thread of said stream at the inlet of said lake;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said stream less than 0.1 mile to the centerline of Trail 732;

thence easterly on the centerline of Trail 732, 0.3 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining Elk Creek at elevation 9,040 feet;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said tributary 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line that bears N56°W from a summit with an elevation of 10,808 feet;

thence S56°E, 0.4 mile to said summit;

thence S45°W, 0.1 mile to an elevation of 10,720 feet;

thence southwesterly and westerly on the 10,720-foot contour 1.7 miles to a line bearing S84°E from the northernmost point on the rim overlooking South Elk Creek to the north;

thence N84°W, 0.2 mile to said point;

thence westerly on the edge of said rim 1.0 mile to the thread of South Elk Creek;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said creek 0.3 mile to the confluence at elevation of 11,410 feet of an unnamed, southerly-flowing tributary;

thence due south 0.1 mile to the centerline of Trail 733;

thence westerly of the centerline of said trail 0.1 mile to the junction with a cutoff trail to Trail 725;

thence westerly on the centerline of said cutoff trail 0.4 mile to said Trail 725;

thence S60°W, 0.2 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southeasterly-flowing tributary joining Rio de los Pinos at elevation 10,300 feet;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said tributary 1.6 miles to elevation 10,800 feet;

thence northwesterly on the 10,800 foot contour 1.2 miles to a point due east of a summit with a contour elevation of 10,800 feet;

thence N3°E, 2,650 feet to a point;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the intersection of Trail 736 with the thread of Rio de los Pinos;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 1.4 miles to triangulation station FLAT (VABM elevation 12,187 feet);

thence N27°W, 1.0 mile to the thread of an unnamed, westerly-flowing tributary joining East Fork Rio Chama at elevation 9,340 feet;

thence westerly on the thread of said tributary 0.7 mile to elevation 10,400 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 1.2 miles to the confluence, at elevation 9,900 feet, of East Fork Rio Chama and an unnamed, southeasterly-flowing tributary;

thence northwesterly on the thread of said tributary 1.0 mile to elevation 10,880 feet;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,946 feet;

thence N25°W, 0.3 mile to the intersection of a line 50 feet southwest of and parallel to the centerline of Trail 813;

thence northwesterly on said line 1.1 miles to the intersection with a line bearing N65°E from the Tierra Amarilla Grant boundary angle point monument at mile 49 plus 34.21 chains;

thence N34°W, 0.4 mile to the boundary between the Rio Grande National Forest and the Tierra Amarillo Grant, which is also the boundary between Conejos and Archuleta Counties;

thence northerly and northwesterly on said boundary 5.2 miles to the intersection of the San Juan National Forest boundary;

thence northwesterly on the boundary between the San Juan National Forest and the Tierra Amarilla Grant and said County boundary 1.4 miles to the thread of the Navajo River;

thence northwesterly on said county boundary, entering the San Juan National Forest, 1.9 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide between Fish Creek and Augustora Creek;

thence southerly on said divide, leaving said county boundary, 1.0 mile to the hydrographic divide between Fish Creek and an unnamed, westerly-flowing tributary joining Fish Creek at elevation 9,200 feet;

thence westerly on said divide and the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the north and east into said tributary upstream and downstream of elevation 9,350 feet, 1.8 miles to its intersection with a line 10 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Trail 575:

thence northerly and westerly on said line 0.8 mile to the thread of said unnamed tributary joining Fish Creek at elevation 9,200 feet;

thence northwesterly on the thread of said tributary less than 0.1 mile to its confluence with Fish Creek;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 10,400 feet on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the north into Fish Creek upstream and downstream of said confluence;

thence northerly on said divide, through a summit with an elevation of 12,062 feet, 2.5 miles to the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the east into the North Fork Fish Creek upstream and downstream of elevation 9,320 feet;

thence westerly on said hydrographic divide 0.8 mile to elevation 10,800 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to a point at elevation 9,590 feet on the thread of North Fork Fish Creek;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to elevation 10,200 feet on the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, intermittent tributary joining North Fork Fish Creek at elevation 9,610 feet and North Fork Fish Creek downstream from said confluence;

thence northwesterly on said divide 0.4 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,000 feet;

thence southwesterly on the hydrographic divide between Rio Blanco and North Fork Fish Creek and the hydrographic divide between two unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributaries joining Rio Blanco at elevations 8,250 feet and 8,450 feet, 0.6 mile to elevation 10,400 feet;

thence southeasterly in a series of straight lines through points with the following UTM coordinates:

X METERS

Y METERS

345,933
345,845
345,673
345,498

4,125,106
4,125,028
4,124,986
4,124,864

thence westerly in a straight line 0.9 mile to a summit with an elevation of 8,605 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with an elevation of 9,825 feet;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a point at elevation 8,800 feet on the thread of an unnamed, southeasterly-flowing tributary joining Rio Blanco at elevation 8,380 feet;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.9 mile to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North Range 2 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 8,880 feet;

thence S10°W, 0.2 mile to the thread of an unnamed, southeasterly-flowing tributary joining Rio Blanco at elevation 8,090 feet;

thence northerly on the thread of said tributary less than 0.1 mile to a fork at elevation 8,520 feet;

thence northerly on the east branch of said tributary 0.6 mile to a fork at 9,590 feet in elevation;

thence northerly on the east branch of said branch, 1.5 miles to an elevation of 10,400 feet;

thence N14°W, 2,650 feet to a point;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,600 feet;

thence northeasterly on the hydrographic divide between Rio Blanco and Rito Blanco 1.8 miles to a summit with an elevation of 12,259 feet;

thence N60°W, 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 10 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Trail 572;

thence westerly on said line 1.0 mile to the last intersection with the hydrographic divide between Sand Creek and Rito Blanco;

thence westerly on said divide 1.4 miles to a summit with an elevation of 11,572 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.1 miles to a summit with an elevation of 11,528 feet;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,440 feet;

thence westerly on the hydrographic divide between Mill Creek and Coal Creek and the hydrographic divide between Coal Creek and an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing drainage channel joining said creek at elevation 8,700 feet, 1.3 miles to an elevation of 10,000 feet;

thence N33°W, 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line 10 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Trail 581;

thence northeasterly on said line 1.7 miles to an elevation of 10,800 feet, 0.1 mile north of the hydrographic divide between San Juan River and Coal Creek;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to elevation 10,000 feet on the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing tributary joining San Juan River at 7,530 feet in elevation and an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing tributary joining East Fork San Juan River at 7,640 feet in elevation;

thence northwesterly on said divide 0.8 mile to a summit with an elevation of 9,658 feet;

thence N37°W, 1,850 feet to a point;

thence due north 600 feet to a point;

thence N52°E, 1.2 miles to the thread of an unnamed, northerly-flowing tributary joining East Fork San Juan River at elevation 7,780 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 1.0 mile to an elevation of 8,030 feet on the thread of Sand Creek;

thence easterly in a straight line 2.1 miles to a summit with an elevation of 10,428 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 1.5 miles to the northernmost of two summits with an elevation of 11,465 feet on the hydrographic divide between Sand Creek and Quartz Creek;

thence southerly on said divide 0.5 mile to the southernmost summit with an elevation of 11,465 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a point at elevation 10,310 feet on the thread of the northwest branch of an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing tributary which forks at 9,540 feet in elevation and joins Quartz Creek at 8,990 feet in elevation;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a point at elevation 10,290 feet on the thread of the southeast branch of said tributary;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the lowest point in a saddle at a contour elevation of 10,560 feet on the hydrographic divide between said tributary and Quartz Creek;

thence S64°E, 1,900 feet to a point;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 10,342 feet on the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining Quartz Creek at elevation 9,320 feet and all drainage from the west into said creek downstream from said confluence;

thence easterly and southeasterly on said divide 0.8 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,193 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.9 mile to a summit with an elevation of 12,391 feet on the hydrographic divide between Summit Creek and Quartz Creek;

thence southeasterly on said divide 0.8 mile to the point of beginning.

Containing the following acreage:

Archuleta County	38,509 acres
Conejos County	89,176 acres
Total	127,685 acres

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

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, Colorado 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps (with indicated publication dates) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Wolf Creek Pass NE	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Wolf Creek Pass SE	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Summit Peak	1966	
Platoro	1967	
Red Mountain	1967	
Spectacle Lake	1967	
Chama Peak NE	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Chama Peak NW	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Chromo NE	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Chama Peak SE	1957	(enlarged 15' quad)
Cumbres	1967	