

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

WEST ELK WILDERNESS

GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith,  
represent the location of the boundary of the West Elk  
Wilderness on the Gunnison National Forest 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 West Elk Wilderness,  
Gunnison National Forest, Rocky Mountain Region,  
May 25, 1965, as Reported to Congress Pursuant to  
Section 3 (a) (1) of the Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577).

### BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the range line between R. 88 W. and R. 89 W. in T. 14 S., Sixth Principal Meridian, .65 mile south of the northeast corner of section 1, T. 14 S., R. 89 W.;

thence southeasterly up a ridge approximately 1/<sub>2</sub> .25 mile to the summit of West Beckwith Peak;

thence continuing southeasterly along the crest of the divide between the East Fork of Snowshoe Creek and Cliff Creek 3.00 miles to East Beckwith Mountain;

thence easterly along the divide between the headwaters of Cliff Creek and Ruby Anthracite Creek 2.30 miles to Beckwith Pass;

thence continuing southeasterly along said divide 3.40 miles to the intersection of the section line between sections 29 and 30, T. 14 S., R. 87 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, at the head of Bracken Creek, on the Anthracite Range;

thence south 6.73 miles to a point on Storm Ridge, which point is 1.00 mile north of Mill Creek;

thence easterly along Storm Ridge 1.70 miles to a point at the head of Middle Creek;

thence south 3.75 miles to a point on the section line between sections 19 and 20, T. 51 N., R. 2 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, where it is intersected by a tributary of Beaver Creek, which point is .25 mile north of the corner common to sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, T. 51 N., R. 2 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence .50 mile up said tributary to the approximate center of section 19, T. 51 N., R. 2 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence west 3.65 miles to a point on the ridge separating West Beaver Creek and the headwaters of West Steuben Creek;

thence southwesterly .30 mile to the top of South Baldy Mountain;

thence southwesterly 4.80 miles along the divide between West Elk Creek and the headwaters of West Steuben Creek, Sixmile Gulch and West Red Creek to the intersection of the section line between sections 6 and 7, T. 50 N., R. 3 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, which point is .30 mile east of the section corner common to sections 6 and 7, T. 50 N., R. 3 W. and sections 1 and 12, T. 50 N., R. 4 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence west 2.30 miles to the top of the divide between West Elk Creek and Cow Creek;

1/ All distances cited in this description are approximate.

thence northeasterly along said divide and along the divide between West Elk Creek and Soap Creek 2.20 miles to Bonfisk Peak;  
thence continuing northeasterly along same divide 1.10 miles to the intersection with the divide running southeasterly from the mouth of East Soap Creek;  
thence northwesterly along this divide 2.10 miles to its intersection with Soap Creek;  
thence up Soap Creek 6.45 miles to a point on the top of the divide north of Soap Basin, which point is .34 mile S. 38° 00' W. of Sheep Lake;  
thence northerly along the divide east of Little Robinson Creek and northwesterly along Mosely Ridge, which lies between Little Robinson Creek and Cliff Creek 5.00 miles to the intersection with the range line between R. 88 W. and R. 89 W. in T. 14 S., Sixth Principal Meridian;  
thence north 3.45 miles on said range line to point of beginning containing 61,412 acres 1/ more or less.

The above described area has been plotted on a 1 inch>equals-1 mile scale map, dated May 25, 1965, which is attached and made a part of this description.

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