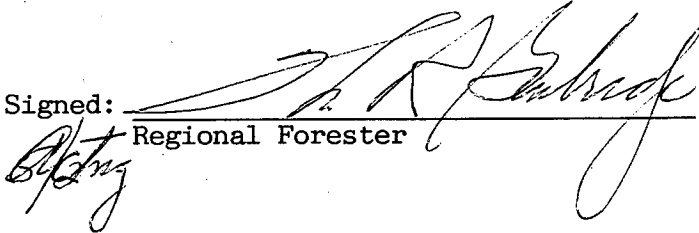


NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

DARK CANYON WILDERNESS  
MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Dark Canyon Wilderness on the Manti-La Sal National Forests as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System under THE UTAH WILDERNESS ACT OF 1984, Public Law 98-428.

Signed: 

Regional Forester

Date: 5/2/94

DARK CANYON WILDERNESS  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The area included in the Dark Canyon Wilderness is located on the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Intermountain Region, San Juan County, Utah, according to the "Utah Wilderness Act of 1984." The official boundary description and maps on which the boundary is shown are on file and available in the offices of the Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Price, Utah, and the Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, Ogden Utah. The Wilderness consists of an area of 47,116 acres, more or less, which was computed from 1:24,000 scale quadrangle maps using the Forest's Geographical Information System (GIS). A detailed description of the boundary follows:

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at the south quarter corner of Section 34, T. 35 S., R. 18 E., Salt Lake Base and Meridian monumented by a brass cap set in 1927,

Thence, west along the south line of T. 35 S., R. 18 E., about 4,300 feet to the intersection of the west rim of Woodenshoe Canyon, on the boundary of the Manti-LaSal National Forest,

Thence, generally northerly, northwesterly and northeasterly along the Forest boundary about 41 miles to its intersection with the east line of T. 33 S., R. 18 E., on the north rim of Dark Canyon monumented by a brass cap witness corner to the southeast corner of the township set in 1957,

Thence, northeasterly along the north rim of Dark Canyon to the head of Trail Canyon then southwesterly along the east rim of Trail Canyon on the approximate 7,900 foot elevation about 1.8 miles to the intersection of the north rim of Dark Canyon,

Thence, southerly about 500 feet dropping to a lower rim to the approximate 7,700 foot elevation,

Thence, easterly along the north rim of Dark Canyon and Poison Canyon about 10.4 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,700 foot elevation and the approximate 8,100 foot elevation.

Thence, southeasterly and southwesterly along the east rim of poison canyon, around Dead Man Canyon about 12.8 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,700 foot elevation and the approximate 8,100 foot elevation to the junction of the Poison Canyon and Dark Canyon rims at the extreme west end of Dead Man Point at the approximate 8,100 foot elevation,

Thence, southeasterly along the north rim of Dark Canyon, around Horse Pasture Canyon and Drift Trail Canyon about 20.3 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,100 foot elevation and the approximate 8,000 foot elevation to the bottom of the drainage at the head of Dark Canyon in the north fork of Dark Canyon at a point that is about 1,000 feet southwesterly from the center of The Notch a the approximate 8,000 foot elevation,

Thence southwesterly around the head of Dark Canyon then northwesterly along the south rim of Dark Canyon about 13.5 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,000 foot elevation and the approximate 7,800 foot elevation to the junction of the Dark Canyon and Peavine Canyon rims at the extreme northwest end of Steamboat Point at the approximate 8,000 foot elevation,

Thence, southerly along the east rim of Peavine Canyon about 11.5 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,000 foot elevation and the approximate 7,800 foot elevation to the intersection with the centerline of the Peavine Corridor on the east side of Kigalia Canyon which is northwest of the road junction in Little Notch about 6,00 feet at the approximate 7,800 foot elevation,

Thence, southerly along the east rim of Kigalia Canyon crossing Kigalia drainage then northwesterly along the west rim of Kigalia Canyon about 5.2 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,800 foot elevation and the approximate 7,700 foot elevation to the junction of the Kigalia Canyon and Peavine Canyon rims at the extreme northwest end of Kigalia Point at the approximate 7,800 foot elevation,

Thence, southerly along the east rim of Peavine Canyon about 6.0 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,800 foot elevation and the approximate 8,000 foot elevation to the head of Peavine Canyon at the junction of the Peavine Canyon drainage and a side drainage from the southeast at the approximate 7,800 foot elevation,

Thence northerly along the west rim of Peavine Canyon about 21.5 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,600 foot elevation and the approximate 8,200 foot elevation to the junction of the Peavine Canyon and Dark Canyon rims at the tip of a very prominent mesa point on the east side of Dry Mesa at the approximate 8,100 foot elevation,

Thence, northerly along the south rim of Dark Canyon, around Rig Canyon about 12.5 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,100 foot elevation and the approximate 7,800 foot elevation to the junction of the Rig Canyon and Dark Canyon rims at the extreme northeast end of Dry Mesa at the approximate 8,000 foot elevation,

Thence, northwesterly along the south rim of Dark Canyon, around Warren Canyon about 10.5 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,100 foot elevation and the approximate 7,800 foot elevation to the junction of the Dark Canyon and Woodenshoe Canyon rims at the extreme northwest end of Dry Mesa at the approximate 8,000 foot elevation,

Thence, generally southeasterly along the east rim of Woodenshoe Canyon about 23.0 miles fluctuating between the approximate 8,100 foot elevation and the approximate 7,600 foot elevation to the junction of Woodenshoe Canyon and Cherry Canyon rims at the extreme southwest projection of Dry Mesa at the approximate 7,900 foot elevation,

Thence, northeasterly, southerly and northwesterly along the rim of Cherry Canyon around Cherry Canyon about 17.5 miles to the junction of the Cherry Canyon and Woodenshoe Canyon rims at the approximate 7,700 foot elevation,

Thence, southerly along the east rim of Woodenshoe Canyon about 4.6 miles fluctuating between the approximate 7,700 foot elevation and the approximate 7,500 foot elevation to the south quarter corner of Section 34, R. 18 E., the point of beginning,

EXCLUDING:

A strip of land 33 feet on each side of the centerline of the existing four-wheel drive access way commonly known as the Peavine Corridor that begins on the east rim of Kigalia Canyon at the approximate 7,800 foot elevation about 6,000 feet northwest of the road junction in Little Notch,

Thence, northwesterly along the existing four-wheel drive access way down Kigalia Canyon about 2.0 miles to its junction with Peavine Canyon,

Thence, northwesterly along the existing four-wheel drive access way down Peavine Canyon about 5.1 miles to its junction with Dark Canyon where the corridor forks and goes southeasterly upstream in Dark Canyon about 2.6 miles to a point near a waterfall about 300 feet west of a cabin just above the mouth of Horse Pasture Canyon, and from the fork in the Peavine Corridor northwesterly downstream in Dark Canyon about 1.3 miles to its junction with Rig Canyon,

Thence, southwesterly along the existing four-wheel drive access way up Rig Canyon about 5,000 feet to the first drainage way that is about 100 feet upstream of the old oil well drill site

### Qualifications

All information was taken from 1:24,000 scale 7 1/2', Provisional Primary Base Series Quadrangle maps which were mapped, edited, and published by the U.S. Geological Survey, and modified by the Forest Service Geomtronics Service Center using 1983-89 photography and 1989 correction guides furnished by the Intermountain Region.

This boundary description has been plotted on a set of U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000 scale 7 1/2' quadrangle maps which are reduced to a 1-inch-equals-1-mile map entitled "DARK CANYON WILDERNESS" Manti-La Sal National Forest, Intermountain Region, dated June 1, 1992, which is attached and made part of this description.

### U.S Geological Survey Maps include:

1. Cathedral Butte, Utah 1985
2. Chippean Rocks, Utah 1985
3. Cream Pots, Utah 1985
4. Fable Valley, Utah 1985
5. House Peak Butte, Utah 1985
- 6 .Kigalia Point, Utah 1985
7. Poison Canyon, Utah 1985
8. Warren Canyon, Utah 1985
9. Woodenshoe Canyon, Utah 1985

### TOTAL WILDERNESS ACRES

<u>NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND</u>	<u>NON-NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
47,116	0	47,116