

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**FOREST SERVICE**

The Exterior Boundary of  
Molas Pass Wilderness Study Area  
and  
Recreation Area,  
San Juan National Forest,  
Rocky Mountain Region, December 19, 2014  
as Included in the National Wilderness Preservation System  
by the Act of Public Law 113-291



NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

**MOLAS PASS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**

**and**


**MOLAS PASS RECREATION AREA**

SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST

STATE OF COLORADO

The boundary description and final map herewith, titled “ Molas Pass Wilderness Study Area and Molas Pass Recreation Area”, dated June 18, 2021, delineate the location of the boundary of the Molas Pass Wilderness Study Area and Molas Pass Recreation Area, on the San Juan National Forest, as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015, Public Law 113-291, dated December 19, 2014. The boundary description and final map conform to the boundary as generally depicted on the Legislative Map cited by Congress in Public Law 113-291.

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MOLAS PASS RECREATION AREA  
San Juan National Forest, Colorado

Boundary Description

BEGINNING at a point on line 1-2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, identical with the beginning point of Molas Pass Wilderness Study Area, hereinafter described, being in the SE1/4 of section 31, Township 41 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian (suspended) at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264588, N: 4182562;

thence northwesterly along line 1-2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, 0.05 miles more or less, to corner No. 1, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode;

thence northeasterly along line 1-6, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, 70 feet more or less, to corner No. 2, M.S. 215, Molas lode;

thence northwesterly along line 2-1, M.S. 215, Molas lode, 0.3 miles more or less, to corner No. 1, M.S. 215, Molas lode, identical with corner No. 1, M.S. 13298, Senior Warden lode;

thence southerly along line, 0.2 miles more or less, to a point at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264076, N: 4182664;

thence continuing southerly along a line, 0.1 miles more or less, to a point at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264070, N: 4182522;

thence westerly along a line, 0.05 miles more or less, to a point at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264000, N: 4182523;

thence southerly along a line, 0.4 miles more or less, to a point on line 1-2, Molas Park, being in the SE1/4 of section 6, Township 40 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian (suspended);

thence easterly along line 1-2, Molas Park, 0.05 miles more or less, to corner No. 1, Molas Park;

thence southerly along line 1-5, Molas Park, 0.8 miles more or less, to corner No. 5, Molas Park;

thence southwesterly along a line, 0.4 miles more or less, to a point on the right bank high water line of Molas Creek at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 263209, N: 4180467;

thence southeasterly along said high water line of Molas Creek, 0.1 miles more or less, to a point on the Molas Pass Wilderness Study Area, hereinafter described, at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 263285, N: 4180339;

thence northeasterly along a sinuous line, 1.0 miles more or less, to a point at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264819, N: 4180793;

thence northerly along a sinuous line and curving to the northwest, 1.2 miles more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

MOLAS PASS WILDERNESS STUDY AREA  
San Juan National Forest, Colorado

BEGINNING at a point on line 1-2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, identical with the beginning point of Molas Pass Recreation Area, hereinbefore described, at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264588, N: 4182562;

thence southeasterly and curving to the south along a sinuous line, 1.2 miles more or less, to a point, hereinbefore described, at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 264819, N: 4180793;

thence southwesterly along a sinuous line, 1.0 miles more or less, to a point on the right bank high water line of Molas Creek, hereinbefore described at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 263285, N: 4180339;

thence easterly along said right bank high water line of Molas Creek, 1.6 miles more or less, to a point on the right bank high water line of the Animas River at approximate UTM coordinates: E: 265512, N: 4179747;

thence northerly along said right bank high water line, 1.5 miles more or less, to a point on line 2-3, M.S. 14673, Ione lode;

thence southwesterly along line 2-3, M.S. 14673, Ione lode, 0.05 miles more or less, to corner No. 2, M.S. 14673, Ione lode;

thence northwesterly along line 2-1, M.S. 14673, Ione lode, 0.2 miles more or less, to the point of intersection of line 3-4, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode;

thence westerly along line 3-4, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode, 0.15 miles more or less, to corner No. 4, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode;

thence northerly along line 4-1, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode, 0.05 miles more or less, to corner No. 1, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode;

thence easterly along line 1-2, M.S. 14673, Parthenope lode, 0.05 miles more or less, to the point of intersection of line 3-2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode;

thence northwesterly along line 3-2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, 0.15 miles more or less, to corner No. 2, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode;

thence northwesterly along line 2-1, M.S. 14673, Expansion lode, 0.05 miles, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING,

Containing the following acreages:

San Juan National Forest

San Juan County 960 acres

Total Wilderness Study Area acreage 499 acres

Total Recreation Area acreage 461 acres

Horizontal grid is Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 13, 1927 North American Datum. Elevations refer to National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. The above described area has been plotted on, and elevations determined from the following U. S. Geological Survey 7-1/2' series topographic maps (with indicated publication dates):

Silverton 1982

Snowden Peak 1982

**This narrative Description is valid only if accompanied by the Final Map only if accompanied by the Final Map.**