

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

LA GARITA WILDERNESS

GUNNISON AND RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith, represent the location of the boundary of the La Garita Wilderness on the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests as it existed as of the date of Public Law 88-577 and as amended by the Colorado Wilderness Act (Public Law 96-560).

Signed December 14, 1982


for Regional Forester

LA GARITA WILDERNESS

Rio Grande and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at at summit with an elevation of 12,352 feet, at latitude $37^{\circ}58'19''$, longitude $106^{\circ}48'06''$, on the Continental Divide, and on the boundary between the Rio Grande and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado;

thence southwesterly on the Continental Divide and on said Forest boundary, 1.5 miles to the intersection with the hydrographic divide between Lake Fork Saguache Creek and Middle Fork Saguache Creek;

thence northeasterly on said divide, entering Rio Grande National Forest, 1.2 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,680 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to the thread of Middle Fork Saguache Creek at elevation 10,400 feet;

thence northeasterly on the thread of said creek 2.3 miles to the intersection of a line bearing $N 26^{\circ} W$ from a summit with an elevation 10,330 feet at latitude $37^{\circ}58'00''$, longitude $106^{\circ}44'45''$;

thence easterly in a straight line 1.7 miles to the 11,920 foot elevation on the hydrographic divide between the Middle and South Forks of Saguache Creek, said point being 0.1 mile northeast of a triangulation station with an elevation of 11,966 feet on Sheep Mountain;

thence southerly on the 11,920-foot contour on the east side of Sheep Mountain 2.0 miles to a point on the hydrographic divide between South Fork Saguache Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining said creek at elevation 10,280 feet;

thence southeasterly and easterly on said hydrographic divide 1.6 miles to said confluence;

thence northeasterly on the thread of said creek less than 0.1 mile to its confluence with Whale Creek;

thence due east 0.2 mile to the hydrographic divide between Whale and South Fork Saguache Creeks and Wannamaker Creek;

thence southerly on said divide 4.5 miles to the hydrographic divide between South and Middle Fork Saguache Creek and the Rio Grande, on the boundary between Saguache and Mineral Counties;

thence northwesterly on said divide and on said county boundary, 12.4 miles to a summit with elevation 13,626 feet on the Continental Divide and on the boundary between Rio Grande and Gunnison National Forests;

thence westerly on the Continental Divide and on said Forest and county boundary, which becomes the boundary between Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, 21.0 miles to the intersection of the east line of Section 36, T 43 N, R 3 W, New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence easterly on said divide, entering Hinsdale County and the Gunnison National Forest, 2.9 miles to the intersection of a line 1,000 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of Colorado State Highway 149;

thence northerly on said line 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line that bears N 40° E from the point of intersection of the centerline of said highway and the thread of East Fork Cebolla Creek;

thence due west 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 300 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of said highway;

thence northerly on said line 0.9 mile to the intersection of a line 300 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Development Road (FDR) 729;

thence northerly on the FDR 729 offset line, 0.7 mile to the intersection of the south line of the northeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T 43 N, R 3 W;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line less than 0.1 mile to the southeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the northeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southeast corner of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of said section;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/8 mile to the northeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southeast corner of the northeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of said section;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/2 mile to the southwest corner of the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 3/16 mile to the northeast corner of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence westerly on the subdivision-of-section line 0.2 mile to the thread of Cebolla Creek;

thence northerly on the thread of said creek 0.6 mile to the south line of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 14 of said township;

thence easterly of the subdivision-of-section line 0.2 mile to the southeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 3/16 mile to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southeast corner of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence northerly on the subdivision-of-section line 5/16 mile to the northeast corner of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 11 of said township;

thence westerly on the subdivision-of-section line 0.1 mile to the thread of Cebolla Creek;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the 10,480 foot elevation on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the west into said creek upstream and downstream of the outlet of a reservoir at elevation 10,140 feet;

thence northwesterly and northerly on said divide and the hydrographic divide between Cebolla Creek and Mill and Brush Creeks, 3.5 miles to the confluence of Cebolla and Brush Creeks;

thence northeasterly on the thread of Cebolla Creek 0.3 mile to the confluence with the stream flowing in Poseys Draw;

thence southerly on the hydrographic divide between Cebolla Creek and Poseys Draw, 0.8 mile to a summit with elevation 10,668 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to the 10,030 foot elevation on the thread of the stream flowing in Poseys Draw;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to the 10,400 foot elevation on the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, northerly-flowing tributary joining Cebolla Creek at 9,700 feet in elevation;

thence northerly on the thread of said tributary 1.0 mile to said confluence;

thence northeasterly on the thread of Cebolla Creek 0.2 mile to the easternmost intersection of an arc with a 500 foot radius centered on the confluence at elevation 9,690 feet of Cebolla Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary;

thence S 37° 30' E, 900 feet to a point;

thence N 64° E, 1,300 feet to a point;

thence N 15° W, 0.1 mile to the thread of Cebolla Creek;

thence northeasterly and easterly on the thread of said creek 2.4 miles to the westernmost intersection of an arc with a 400 foot radius centered on the confluence at elevation 9,195 feet of Cebolla Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary;

thence S 19° E, 550 feet to a point;

thence S 62° E, 650 feet to a point;

thence N 82° E, 1,200 feet to a point;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.1 mile to the southwest corner of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 22, T 44 N, R 2 W;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 3/4 mile to the southeast corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section;

thence southeasterly in a straight line, 0.5 mile to the southwest corner of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 23 of said township;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence southerly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/16 mile to the southwest corner of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said section;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 1/8 mile to the southeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said section;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to the 10,160 foot elevation on the hydrographic divide between Mineral Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, northwesterly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 9,060 feet in elevation.

thence southeasterly on said divide 0.4 mile to a summit with elevation 10,208 feet;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to the 10,080 foot elevation on the thread of the west branch of said intermittent tributary, which forks at 9,440 feet in elevation;

thence northerly on the thread of said branch 0.7 mile to the intersection of a line 200 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of Dry Lake Road (FDR 592.2A);

thence easterly and northerly on said line 1.3 miles to the intersection of an arc with an 1,100 foot radius centered on the confluence at elevation 9,795 feet of two branches of the unnamed, intermittent tributary flowing westerly into Dry Lake;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the intersection of the south branch of said tributary with a line 200 feet south of and parallel to the thread of the north branch of said tributary;

thence easterly on said line 0.6 mile to elevation 9,860 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to elevation 9,880 feet on the thread of the north branch of said tributary;

thence easterly and southeasterly on the thread of said branch, 1.5 miles to the intersection of a line 200 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Dry Lake Road (FDR 592.2A);

thence southeasterly on said line 0.4 mile to a point on the hydrographic divide between said branch and Spring Creek;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,400 feet;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with an elevation of 12,032 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 1.2 miles to a summit with an elevation of 10,670 feet;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.9 mile to a summit with an elevation of 11,428 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to elevation 10,800 feet on the thread of an unnamed, easterly-flowing tributary joining Spring Creek at 10,070 feet in elevation;

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,520 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to the 10,360-foot elevation on the centerline of Cascade Creek Trail No. 468;

thence northeasterly on the centerline of said trail 0.1 mile to the junction of Trail No. 461;

thence N 64° E, 0.1 mile to the intersection of the 10,200-foot contour on the east side of Spring Creek;

thence northerly on said contour 0.2 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining Spring Creek at 10,115 feet in elevation;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a point on the east line of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 33, T 44 N, R 1 W, 600 feet from the southeast corner of said parcel of land;

thence northerly on the section line 0.5 mile to a point due west of a summit with a contour elevation of 10,920 feet, 0.1 mile northwesterly of a summit with elevation 10,974 feet;

thence due east 0.2 mile to the former summit;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.2 mile to elevation 10,440 feet on the thread of Sheep Creek;

thence northeasterly on the thread of said creek 0.3 mile to an elevation of 10,600 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 10,880 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,040 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,440 feet on the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, westerly-flowing tributary joining Spring Creek at 9,720 feet in elevation and an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining said creek at 9,680 feet in elevation;

thence northeasterly on said divide 0.1 mile to an elevation of 11,600 feet;

thence northerly on a 11,600 foot contour 0.1 mile to the hydrographic divide between the intermittent tributary joining Spring Creek at 9,680 feet in elevation and an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining Spring Creek at 9,630 feet in elevation;

thence westerly on said divide 0.6 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,680 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to an elevation of 10,200 feet on the thread of the intermittent tributary joining Spring Creek at 9,630 feet in elevation;

thence westerly on the 10,200 foot contour 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line that bears S 26° W from a summit with a contour elevation 10,600 feet on the hydrographic divide between the intermittent tributary that joins Spring Creek at 9,640 feet in elevation and all drainage from the east into said creek downstream of said confluence;

thence N 26° E, 0.1 mile to said summit;

thence northeasterly on said hydrographic divide and the hydrographic divide between Spring Creek and Cathedral Creek 0.8 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 11,960 feet;

thence easterly in a series of straight lines 0.7 mile through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X (Meters)</u>	<u>Y (Meters)</u>
327,714	4,313,198
327,970	4,313,166
327,998	4,313,324

thence easterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to the 11,840-foot elevation on the thread of Los Pinos Creek;

thence easterly in a series of straight lines 0.6 mile through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X (Meters)</u>	<u>Y (Meters)</u>
329,084	4,313,368
329,617	4,313,684

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to the 11,880-foot elevation on the centerline of Cebolla Trail No. 459;

thence southeasterly in a series of straight lines 1.2 miles through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X (Meters)</u>	<u>Y (Meters)</u>
330,907	4,313,352
331,337	4,312,548

thence easterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to the 11,880-foot elevation on the centerline of Trail No. 790.1c on the west side of Pauline Creek;

thence southerly and easterly in a series of straight lines 1.2 miles through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X (Meters)</u>	<u>Y (Meters)</u>
332,215	4,312,310
332,964	4,312,272
333,525	4,312,940

thence easterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the 11,720-foot elevation on the thread of Perfecto Creek;

thence southeasterly in a series of straight lines 2.7 miles through points with the following UTM coordinates:

<u>X (Meters)</u>	<u>Y (Meters)</u>
334,294	4,312,268
335,153	4,312,252
335,276	4,312,040
334,781	4,311,310
334,754	4,310,524

thence due south 0.3 mile to the centerline of Nutras Creek Road No. 794.2E;

thence northeasterly on the centerline of said road 1.0 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet southwest of and parallel to the centerline of Cochetopa Road No. 794.2;

thence southeasterly on said line 2.4 miles to the intersection of a line 100 feet of and parallel to the centerline of the Skyline Trail No. 465;

thence southerly on the Trail 465 offset line less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line between corners 1 and 4 of Homestead Entry Survey (HES) No. 194;

thence southwesterly on said boundary line 0.1 mile to said corner No. 4;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to corner 3 of said HES;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to corner 2 of said HES;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to corner 1 of said HES;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 10,440 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a summit with elevation 10,940 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with contour elevation of 11,320 feet;

thence northeasterly on the hydrographic divide between Cochetopa Creek and Nutras Creek 2.7 miles to the confluence of said creeks;

thence S 56° E, 1.0 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet northwest of and parallel to the centerline of Table Mountain Road No. 472;

thence southwesterly on said line 0.6 mile to the Continental Divide and the boundary between the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests;

thence southerly on said divide and on said Forest boundary 2.9 miles to the intersection of a line 200 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Table Mountain Road No. 472;

thence southerly on said line, entering the Gunnison National Forest, 1.3 miles to a point due north of the intersection of said road with Miners Creek Trail No. 785;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.4 mile to an elevation of 11,360 feet on the Continental Divide and on the boundary between Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests;

thence southerly on said divide and on said Forest boundary, 1.2 miles to the point of beginning.

Containing the following acreages:

Saguache County	62,753 acres
Hinsdale County	41,233 acres
Total	103,986 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 7-1/2 minute quads (with indicated publication dates), which are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Elk Park	1965
Stewart Peak	1965
Mineral Mountain	1963
Cannibal Plateau	1963
Bristol Head NW	1959 (enlarged 15 minute quad)
Bristol Head NE	1959 (enlarged 15 minute quad)
Creede NW	1959 (enlarged 15 minute quad)
Creede NE	1959 (enlarged 15 minute quad)
Mesa Mountain	1967
Pool Table Mountain	1967