UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# FOREST SERVICE

The Exterior Boundary of

La Garita Addition,

Rio Grande National Forest,

Rocky Mountain Region, August 13, 1993

as Included in the National Wilderness Preservation System

by the Act of Public Law 103-77

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

**LA GARITA WILDERNESS ADDITION**

RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST

STATE OF COLORADO

The boundary description and final map herewith, titled "La Garita Wilderness Addition", dated February 11, 2009, delineate the location of the boundary of the La Garita Wilderness Addition, on the Rio Grande National Forest, as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System under the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, Public Law 103-77, dated August 13, 1993. The boundary description and final map conform to the boundary as generally depicted on the Legislative Map cited by Congress in Public Law 103-77.

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LA GARITA WILDERNESS ADDITION OF 1993
Rio Grande National Forest

Boundary Description

BEGINNING at the summit of La Garita Peak with an elevation of 13,710 feet on the original boundary of the La Garita Wilderness and the boundary between Mineral and Saguache counties, in the SW¼ of Section 2, Township 42 North, Range 1 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian;

thence southwesterly on said existing Wilderness boundary and county boundary 9.1 miles more or less to a point approximately at UTM coordinates: X 349500, Y 4192840;

thence southerly leaving said existing Wilderness boundary and following a descending ridge 1.7 miles more or less to a point on a line 75 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 600.4 approximately at UTM coordinates: X 348625, Y 4190500;

thence westerly on said road offset line 4.4 miles more or less to a point on the 11,120 foot contour approximately at UTM coordinates: X 343240, Y 4192100;

thence northerly following the 11,120 foot contour 0.9 miles more or less to a point on the southern boundary of the Wheeler Geologic Area approximately at UTM coordinates: X 343135, Y 4193265;

thence westerly on the southern boundary of the Wheeler Geologic Area 0.5 miles more or less to a point approximately at UTM coordinates: X 342385, Y 4193260;

thence southerly 0.3 miles more or less through points with the following UTM coordinates:

| X (meters) | Y (meters) |
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| 342600 | 4193100 |
| 342600 | 4192965 |
| 342505 | 4192905 |

thence southerly following the 10,800 foot contour 0.7 miles more or less to a point on the south high water line of an unnamed stream approximately at UTM coordinates: X 342545, Y 4192280;

thence easterly on the south high water line of said stream 0.5 miles more or less to a point on the 11,120 foot contour approximately at UTM coordinates: X 343240, Y 4192020;

thence northerly on the 11,120 foot contour 0.1 mile more or less to a point on a line 75 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 600.4 approximately at UTM coordinates: X 343240, Y 4192045;

thence easterly on said road offset line 4.4 miles more or less to a point approximately at UTM coordinates: X 348590, Y 4190475;

thence southwesterly 0.6 miles more or less to a point on the west high water line of the stream flowing in Cañon Nieve approximately at UTM coordinates: X 347700, Y 4190100;

thence southerly on the west high water line of said stream 0.6 miles more or less to the northwest high water line of the confluence of said stream and East Bellows Creek;

thence southwesterly on the northwest high water line of East Bellows Creek 5.8 miles more or less to the range line common to Range 1 East and Range 2 East;

thence northerly on said range line 1.2 miles more or less to the thread of an unnamed stream flowing westerly to join West Bellows Creek at an elevation of 8,850 feet;

thence westerly on the thread of said stream 0.3 miles more or less to the confluence of said stream and West Bellows Creek;

thence westerly 0.3 miles more or less to a point on a ridge at an elevation of 9,800 feet approximately at UTM coordinates: X 339550, Y 4188230;

thence northerly following said ridge 0.4 miles more or less to a summit above a contour elevation of 10,160 feet approximately at UTM coordinates: X 339595, Y 4188870;

thence northwesterly following the hydrographic divide between West Bellows Creek and Farmers Creek 1.4 miles more or less to a point on the 11,000 foot contour approximately at UTM coordinates: X 338590, Y 4190730;

thence northwesterly following the 11,000 foot contour 1.1 miles more or less to a point on the east high water line of an unnamed southerly flowing stream approximately at UTM coordinates: X 337920, Y 4192020;

thence northerly on the east high water line of said stream 0.1 mile more or less to an elevation of 11,200 feet approximately at UTM coordinates: X 337825, Y 4192180;

thence westerly following the 11,200 foot contour 3.2 miles more or less to a point on the thread of Farmers Creek approximately at UTM coordinates: X 335380, Y 4194390;

thence northerly 1.1 miles more or less to a summit above a contour elevation of 11,760 feet approximately at UTM coordinates: X 335200, Y 4196200;

thence northeasterly 1.0 mile more or less to a point with an elevation of 12,126 feet;

thence northerly 1.2 miles more or less to a summit above a contour elevation of 13,760 feet, on the hydrographic divide between East Willow Creek and Middle Fork Saguache Creek and the original boundary of La Garita Wilderness, which is also the boundary between Saguache and Mineral Counties, approximately at UTM coordinates: X 336850, Y 4199000;

thence southeasterly on said divide and said county and original Wilderness boundary 1.1 miles more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

**Adding the following acreages to the La Garita Wilderness:**

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| Rio Grande National Forest | |
| Mineral County | 25,291 acres |
| Total Wilderness acres added | 25,291 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 US Geological Survey 7-1/2' series topographic maps with revision by USDA Forest Service on the indicated dates:

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| Halfmoon Pass | 2001 |
| Mesa Mountain | 2001 |
| Wagon Wheel Gap | 2001 |
| Pool Table Mountain | 2001 |

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