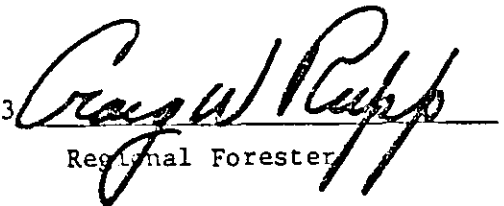


NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM
MAROON BELLS-SNOWMASS WILDERNESS
WHITE RIVER AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

I hereby certify that the description and map herewith, represent the location of the boundary of the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness on the White River and Gunnison 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 January 11, 1983


Regional Forester

MAROON BELLS - SNOWMASS WILDERNESS

White River and Gunnison National Forests

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a summit with elevation 10,380 feet, latitude 39°15'55", longitude 107°06'58", in the southwest 1/4 of Section 16 Township 9 South, Range 87 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, White River National Forest, Colorado;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with elevation 10,492 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.9 mile to the northeast corner of Section 28 of said township;

thence southerly on the east line of said section 0.6 mile to the thread of the south branch of an unnamed, intermittent, north-easterly-flowing tributary which forks at 9,710 feet in elevation and joins East Sopris Creek at 9,650 feet in elevation;

thence southerly on the thread of said branch 0.4 mile to the mean high water line of a small pond at 10,140 feet in elevation;

thence easterly in a straight line 0.7 mile to the northernmost point on the mean high water line of a pond at 9,660 feet in elevation on an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining Capitol Creek at 9,020 feet in elevation;

thence southerly on said high water line on the east side of said pond, 0.1 mile to its southernmost point;

thence S 16°40' W, 0.6 mile to an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining Capitol Creek at 9,120 feet in elevation;

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.3 mile to said confluence;

thence northeasterly on the thread of Capitol Creek 1.7 miles to a point on the west line of Section 36 of said township;

thence southerly on said section line 0.3 mile to the southwest corner of Lot 5 of said section;

thence easterly on the lot line 0.5 mile to the northwest corner of Lot 10 of said section;

thence southerly on the lot line 0.2 mile to the southwest corner of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of said Lot 10;

thence easterly on the lot subdivision line 0.5 mile to the east line of said Section 36;

thence northerly on said section line less than 0.1 mile to the southwest corner of the northwest 1/4 of Lot 12, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 86 West;

thence easterly on the lot subdivision line 0.1 mile to the southeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of said Lot 12;

thence northerly on the lot subdivision line 0.1 mile to the northeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of said Lot 12;

thence easterly on the lot subdivision line less than 0.1 mile to the southeast corner of the west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of Lot 5 of said Section;

thence northerly on the lot subdivision line 0.1 mile to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said Lot 5;

thence easterly on the lot subdivision line less than 0.1 mile to the southeast corner of the northeast 1/4 of said Lot 5;

thence northerly on the lot line 0.3 mile to the north line of Section 31, on the White River National Forest boundary;

thence easterly on the north line of Section 31 and 32 of said Township, and on said Forest boundary, 1.4 miles to the intersection of a line 300 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Elk Creek Ditch;

thence southerly on said line, leaving said Forest boundary, 0.7 mile to the intersection of an arc with 300 foot radius centered at the confluence of said ditch and Hunter Creek;

thence counterclockwise on said arc 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 300 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of said ditch;

thence northerly on said line 0.6 mile to the north line of said Section 32 on said Forest boundary;

thence easterly on the north line of Sections 32 and 33 of said Township and on said Forest boundary 0.8 mile to the north 1/4 corner of said Section 33;

thence southerly on the subdivision-of-section line, leaving said Forest boundary, 0.5 mile to the center of said section;

thence easterly on the subdivision-of-section line 0.5 mile to the east 1/4 corner of said Section, on said Forest boundary;

thence southerly on the east line of said section, on said Forest boundary, 0.5 mile to the township line between Townships 9 and 10 South;

thence easterly on said line 0.1 mile to the northeast corner of section 4, Township 10 South, Range 86 West;

thence southerly on the east line of said section 4, 0.8 mile to a point 1,200 feet from the southeast corner of said section;

thence due east, leaving said Forest boundary, 500 feet to a point;

thence due south 0.2 mile to the south line of said section;

thence westerly on said line 0.7 mile to a point 1,200 feet from the southwest corner of said section;

thence due south 2,000 feet to a point;

thence easterly in a straight line 1.0 mile to the intersection of the west bank of the East Snowmass and Brush Creek Ditch, and the hydrographic divide between East Snowmass Creek and an unnamed, northwesterly-flowing drainage channel joining said creek at 8,520 feet in elevation;

thence southerly on the west bank of said ditch 0.5 mile to the east bank of said creek;

thence S 61° 30' E to said hydrographic divide;

thence southerly on said divide and the hydrographic divide between East Snowmass Creek and Brush Creek 2.2 miles to the hydrographic divide between Brush Creek and Willow Creek;

thence northeasterly on said divide 2.7 miles to the summit of Burnt Mountain (elevation 11,385 feet);

thence easterly on the hydrographic divide between Willow Creek and Owl Creek, 2.2 miles to a summit with elevation 10,100 feet;

thence easterly on said divide less than 0.1 mile to the lowest point in a saddle at the head of an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary joining Willow Creek at 8,520 feet in elevation;

thence southerly on the thread of said tributary 0.4 mile to said confluence;

thence southeasterly on the thread of Willow Creek 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Herrick Ditch;

thence southeasterly on said line 0.3 mile to the intersection of a line 1,000 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Development Road (FDR) 125;

thence southwesterly on said line and on a line 1,000 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Trail No. 1975, 6.3 miles to the thread of an unnamed, southeasterly-flowing tributary joining Maroon Lake at latitude $39^{\circ}05'48''$, longitude $106^{\circ}56'46''$;

thence southerly in a straight line 0.3 mile to the intersection of the thread of West Maroon Creek with the mean high water line at the inlet to Maroon Lake;

thence S 45° E, 0.2 mile to a point on a line 1,000 feet south of and parallel to the mean high water line of Maroon Lake;

thence northeasterly on said line 0.4 mile to the intersection of a line 1,000 feet east of and parallel to FDR 125;

thence northeasterly on said line 3.3 miles to a point due east of the center of a foot bridge where Trail No. 1983 crosses Maroon Creek at Maroon Creek Campground;

thence easterly in a straight line 1.2 miles to the summit of Highland Peak (elevation 12,381 feet);

thence southeasterly on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the west into Castle Creek upstream and downstream of elevation 8,480 feet, 0.2 mile to elevation 12,040 feet;

thence southeasterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to the 11,600 foot elevation on the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining Conundrum Creek at 8,600 feet in elevation;

thence southeasterly on the thread of said tributary 1.0 mile to the intersection of a line between corners 8 and 7 of Homestead Entry Survey (HES) 112;

thence southwesterly on said line 0.1 mile to said corner No. 7;

thence southerly on a line between Corner 7 and 6 of said HES, 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 128;

thence southerly on said line and on a line 100 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of Trail No. 1981, 0.4 mile to the intersection of an arc with 500 foot radius centered at a point on the centerline of said trail which bears N 72°30' E from the confluence at elevation 8,755 feet of Conundrum Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, westerly flowing tributary;

thence counterclockwise on said arc 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of said road and trail;

thence northerly on said line 0.2 mile to a point on the line between corners 7 and 6 of said HES;

thence southerly on said line 0.1 mile to Corner Number 6 of said HES;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to Corner Number 5 of said HES;

thence easterly in a straight line through Corner Number 4 of said HES 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 1,000 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 102;

thence southeasterly on said line 4.2 miles to the thread of the east branch of an unnamed, intermittent, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining Castle Creek at 9,150 feet in elevation;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said tributary 0.7 mile to an elevation of 10,280 feet;

thence S 10° E, 0.9 mile to the hydrographic divide between Devaney Creek and Monument Gulch;

thence S 12° 20' W, 0.7 mile to the thread of an easterly-flowing drainage channel which heads at a saddle on the hydrographic divide between Devaney Creek and Castle Creek between summits having elevations of 12,060 feet and 13,023 feet;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to the confluence at elevation 10,520 feet of Pine Creek and an unnamed intermittent tributary;

thence due south 0.3 mile to the hydrographic divide between Pine Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, northeasterly-flowing tributary joining the Castle Creek flood plain at latitude 39°02'05", longitude 106°48'34";

thence S 7° W, 0.9 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining Castle Creek at 9,790 feet in elevation, 250 feet upstream from the confluence of another unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary;

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.5 mile to elevation 10,040 feet;

thence southerly on the 10,040 foot contour less than 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 300 feet northwest of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 102;

thence southwesterly and northwesterly on said line 2.8 miles to the intersection of an arc with 500 feet radius, centered on the intersection at elevation 12,580 feet of said road and an unnumbered, primitive road which leads westerly toward Conundrum Peak;

thence counterclockwise on said arc 0.3 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet north of and parallel to said primitive road;

thence westerly on said line 0.4 mile to the intersection of an arc with 100 feet radius centered at the intersection of the centerline of said primitive road and a line bearing S 36° E from a summit with an elevation of 13,848 feet 0.8 mile north of Castle Peak;

thence counterclockwise on said arc 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of said primitive road;

thence easterly on said line 0.4 mile to the intersection of a line 300 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 102;

thence southeasterly and southerly on said line and on a line 300 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 129, 1.3 miles to a point due west of the intersection of the thread of Castle Creek and a line 10 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 129;

thence due east 0.1 mile to said intersection;

thence southerly on the line 10 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of said road 2.3 miles to Pearl Pass, on the hydrographic divide between Cooper Creek and Brush Creek, and on the boundary between White River and Gunnison National Forests, at which point FDR 129 becomes FDR 738;

thence southwesterly on a line 10 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 738, entering the Gunnison National Forest, 2.5 miles to the northernmost point on this line as it descends into the valley of Middle Brush Creek;

thence westerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with elevation 12,552 feet;

thence southwesterly on a line through a summit with elevation 11,151 feet, 0.6 mile north of the high point (elevation 11,286 feet) on Teocalli Ridge, 1.6 miles to the intersection of a line 20 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 738.2A;

thence westerly on said line and its prolongation to the intersection of a line 20 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 408;

thence southeasterly on said line 0.4 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary joining West Brush Creek at 9,960 feet in elevation;

thence southerly on the thread of said tributary 0.1 mile to said confluence;

thence northwesterly on the thread of West Brush Creek 0.2 mile to the confluence at 10,120 feet in elevation of an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary;

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.4 mile to a point due north of a summit with an elevation of 11,627 feet on the hydrographic divide between West Brush Creek and East River;

thence due south 0.2 mile to said summit;

thence northwesterly on said divide 0.9 mile to a summit with elevation 12,052 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 2.2 miles to a summit with elevation 10,893 feet at latitude 38°57'13", longitude 106°57'12";

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.6 mile to a summit with elevation 11,498 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.1 miles to the rim of Judd Falls on the thread of Copper Creek;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to the intersection of the centerline of FDR 739 and the hydrographic divide between an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing drainage channel joining Copper Creek at elevation 9,780 feet and said creek down stream of the confluence with said channel;

thence northerly on said divide 0.7 mile to a summit with elevation 11,299 feet;

thence northerly on the hydrographic divide between Copper Creek and Virginia Basin 1.5 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 12,760 feet 0.4 mile northeast of the summit of Avery Peak (elevation 12,653 feet);

thence southwesterly on the hydrographic divide between Virginia Basin and drainage from the northeast into East River upstream from the confluence of the stream flowing from said basin, 0.4 mile to the summit of Avery Peak;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.2 mile to the 11,800 foot elevation on the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southwesterly-flowing tributary joining East River at 9,590 feet in elevation;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said tributary 0.6 mile to the intersection of a line 20 feet northeast of and parallel to the centerline of the Rustler Gulch Trail No. 401.2;

thence northwesterly on said line 1.1 miles to the intersection of a line 20 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 317.2e;

thence northerly on said line 1.7 mile to an elevation of 11,000 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 0.2 mile to a point with UTM coordinate X 325,600 meters, Y 4,319,470 meters;

thence westerly in a straight line 0.5 mile to the 11,600 foot elevation on the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary joining East River at 10,120 feet in elevation;

thence northwesterly on the 11,600 foot contour 0.6 mile to the hydrographic divide between East River and Crystal River, and on the boundary between Gunnison and White River National Forests;

thence westerly on said divide and on said Forest boundary, 0.6 mile to the southwesternmost of two summits with a contour elevation of 11,160 feet, 0.3 mile northeast of Schofield Pass;

thence northerly in a straight line, entering the White River National Forest, 1.0 mile to a summit with elevation 11,245 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.9 mile to a summit with elevation 12,489 feet;

thence northwesterly on the hydrographic divide between North Fork and South Fork of Crystal River 0.8 mile to a summit with elevation 12,508 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.3 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 10,840 feet at latitude 39°03'16", longitude 107°04'31";

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to the summit at Mineral Point (elevation 11,025 feet);

thence northerly in a straight line 1.4 miles to the confluence at 9,640 feet in elevation of North Fork Crystal River and an unnamed, intermittent, southeasterly-flowing tributary;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said river 0.1 mile to the intersection of an arc with a 1,000 foot radius centered at the lower intersection of FDR 315 and the thread of an unnamed, intermittent tributary joining said river at elevation 9,590 feet;

thence counterclockwise on said arc 0.5 mile to the intersection of a line 100 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 315;

thence southwesterly on said line 2.4 miles to the intersection of the boundary line between Corners 5 and 6 of HES No. 318;

thence counterclockwise around and on the boundary line of said HES, 0.7 mile to a point on said boundary between Corners 2 and 3 at the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary joining Lost Trail Creek at 9,040 feet in elevation;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.5 mile to a summit with elevation 10,690 feet;

thence northerly on the hydrographic divide separating drainage from the north into North Fork Lost Trail Creek upstream and downstream of elevation 9,900 feet and the hydrographic divide between said creek and Carbonate Creek, 0.3 mile to the intersection of a line 10 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Trail No. 1965;

thence westerly on said line 0.3 mile to the first intersection with the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, westerly-flowing tributary joining Carbonate Creek at 9,200 feet in elevation;

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

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.4 mile to the confluence at 9,400 feet in elevation of the east branch of an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary that forks at 9,000 feet in elevation and joins Carbonate Creek at 8,820 feet in elevation and a minor drainage channel;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.6 miles to a summit with elevation 9,730 feet;

thence westerly in a straight line 1.2 miles to a summit with elevation 8,910 feet;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 1.5 miles to a summit with elevation 8,803 feet;

thence northerly in a straight line 2.0 miles to a summit with elevation 8,682 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 1.9 miles to a summit with elevation 9,518 feet;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a confluence at 7,980 feet in elevation of East Creek and an unnamed, intermittent, northerly-flowing tributary;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a fork at 8,600 feet in elevation of an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary joining Crystal River at latitude $39^{\circ}11'29''$, longitude $107^{\circ}14'01''$;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.9 mile to a summit with elevation 9,422 feet;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with a contour elevation of 7,800 feet at latitude $39^{\circ}12'47''$, longitude $107^{\circ}13'13''$;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with elevation 9,675 feet;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 1.6 mile to a summit with elevation 8,882 feet;

thence N 5° E, 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 500 feet south of and parallel to the thread of Bulldog Creek;

thence easterly on said line 0.6 mile to the intersection of an arc with 500 foot radius centered at the confluence at 8,340 feet in elevation of said creek and an unnamed, intermittent, southerly-flowing tributary;

thence counterclockwise on said arc, 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line 500 feet north of and parallel to the thread of said creek;

thence westerly on said line 0.4 mile to the first intersection of the 8,000 foot contour;

thence northwesterly on said contour 1.1 miles to the thread of the east branch of an unnamed, intermittent, southwesterly-flowing tributary that forks at 7,430 feet in elevation and joins Avalanche Creek at 7,050 feet in elevation;

thence southwesterly on the thread of said branch 0.2 mile to an elevation of 7,600 feet;

thence northwesterly on the 7,600 foot contour 0.1 mile to the thread of the west branch of said tributary;

thence northwesterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to the southernmost of two summits with a contour elevation of 8,400 feet at latitude $39^{\circ}15'12''$, longitude $107^{\circ}12'44''$;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 0.1 mile to the low point in the saddle 0.1 mile northeast of said summit and on the hydrographic divide between Crystal River and Avalanche Creek;

thence northerly in a straight line 0.8 mile to a summit with a contour elevation 7,880 feet at latitude $39^{\circ}15'58''$, longitude $107^{\circ}12'42''$;

thence northerly in a straight line 1.5 miles to a summit with a contour elevation of 7,480 feet at latitude $39^{\circ}17'18''$, longitude $107^{\circ}12'21''$;

thence northeasterly in a straight line 1.0 mile to the confluence at 7,560 feet in elevation of Nettle Creek, and an unnamed, intermittent, northwesterly-flowing tributary;

thence easterly on the thread of said creek 1.3 miles to a point due east of and 0.2 mile from a summit with a contour elevation of 9,640 feet;

thence due east 0.2 mile to said summit;

thence southeasterly on a straight line through the point of beginning 6,700 feet to a point;

thence southwesterly in a straight line 0.3 mile to a point with UTM coordinate X 314,660 meters, Y 4,349,545 meters;

thence S 12° E, 0.3 mile to the thread of an unnamed, intermittent, easterly-flowing tributary entering the northernmost of the Thomas Lakes at latitude 39°16'24", longitude 107°08'46";

thence easterly on the thread of said tributary 0.2 mile to the mean high water line of said lake;

thence counterclockwise around said lake on said high water line 0.4 mile to the thread of Prince Creek at the outlet of said lake;

thence N 50° E, 0.1 mile to the intersection of a line 10 feet east of and parallel to the centerline of Trail No. 1958;

thence northeasterly on said line 0.2 mile to the intersection of a line between the summit with a contour elevation of 9,640 feet 0.2 mile east of Nettle Creek and the point of beginning;

thence southeasterly on said line 1.4 miles to the point of beginning.

Containing the following acreages:

Pitkin County	135,683 acres
Gunnison County	45,950 acres
TOTAL	181,633 acres

Acreage figures were computed from the latest approved survey plats and/or protraction diagrams.

Geodetic bearings are used in this description. 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, Colorado 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps (with indicated publication dates) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Basalt	1961
Mount Sopris	1961
Redstone	1960
Capitol Peak	1960
Highland Peak	1960
Aspen	1960
Hayden Peak	1960
Maroon Bells	1960
Snowmass Mountain	1960
Marble	1960
Oh-Be-Joyful	1961
Gothic	1961
Pearl Pass	1961