

A geological map of Colorado, where the state's outline is filled with a dark blue color. Within this dark blue area, several irregularly shaped regions are highlighted in a lighter cyan color. The word "PRIMITIVE" is written in white capital letters in the upper left portion of the dark blue area. The word "PRISTINE" is written in green capital letters in the upper middle portion of the dark blue area. Below "PRISTINE", the words "Black", "Slate", "Boulder", "Rock", and "S. Willow" are written in black text, each positioned near a specific cyan-colored region. The rest of the map, including the surrounding land and water, is shown in a light gray color.

PRIMITIVE

PRISTINE

Black

Slate

Boulder

Rock

S. Willow

1.11 Pristine Wilderness

Theme	Pristine wilderness areas are managed to protect and perpetuate their essentially pristine conditions. Natural processes and conditions are not measurably affected by human use. Opportunities for solitude and self-reliance are excellent.
Management area description	Ecological processes are minimally affected by the action of users. The structure, composition, function, and spatial distribution of vegetative types is the result of natural successional processes. Plant species are indigenous to the immediate area, with exotic plants being extremely rare. Management actions are focused on sustaining and enhancing the natural ecosystem. Recreation opportunities offer primitive and unconfined experiences that feature solitude and cross-country travel. Trails may exist but are not maintained or designated as National Forest Development Trails (FDT).
Desired condition	<p>These areas provide the most outstanding opportunity for solitude and isolation. Structures and facilities are present only as necessary for resource protection when less obtrusive measures have been unsuccessful. User-created trails or game trails may exist but are not maintained or designated on maps or trail guides. Indirect methods of accomplishing management objectives predominate. Exceptions are allowed to insure impacts are contained and do not persist. For information on HRV see the Introduction to Category 1 on page 3-4.</p> <p>The recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) for this management area is pristine year-round. Scenery is managed to provide a scenic integrity objective of very high.</p>
Standards and guidelines	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <hr/> <p>Standards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not allow facilities or signs. 2. Do not construct or reconstruct trails. Where resource damage exists from concentrated use of cross-country travelways take measures to correct problems. <p>RECREATION</p> <hr/> <p>Guidelines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A low incidence of contact with other groups or individuals should be provided within the following guidelines: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No more than two other parties encountered during cross-country travel per day on 80 percent of the days during each use season. b. No other party within sight or sound of campsites should be encountered on 80 percent of the days in the summer and fall use seasons. 2. Density of campsites will be low, not to exceed one site per acre. Most sites will be Cole Condition Class 1 and 2. Very few Class 3 sites will exist. Close and restore all other campsites. <p>SPECIAL USES</p> <hr/> <p>Standard</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not authorize outfitter-guide assigned campsites for longer than 14 days.

1.12 Primitive Wilderness

Theme	Areas designated as primitive wilderness are managed to protect natural conditions and to offer a moderately high degree of solitude.
Management area description	An essentially unmodified natural environment characterizes the area. In a few areas where moderate levels of use are concentrated, natural conditions may be affected by the actions of users. Highly constructed and maintained trail corridors will support access to popular destinations and travel routes. Moderate to high occasions of solitude while traveling and camping outside the trail corridors will be likely. Plant species are predominately native and indigenous to the immediate area.
Desired condition	<p>Some designated campsites may be available. The opportunity exists for a moderate-to-high level of risk and challenge. There is a low incidence of contact while traveling cross-country. Somewhat more frequent encounters should be expected when on trails. Concentration of campsites is moderately high at trail junctions and popular destination points. The number of sites accommodates moderate use with no new sites forming over time. Outfitter and range permittee camps may be allowed. Pre-existing rights (such as mineral and water) may exist and be in operation. Maintained trails exist. Trail and bridge construction incorporate natural designs and native materials that complement the surrounding landscape whenever possible. The minimum number of signs needed to provide for resource protection and direction at major trail intersections is used. For information on HRV see the Introduction to Category 1 on page 3-4.</p> <p>The recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) for this management area is semi-primitive non-motorized or primitive year-round. Scenery is managed to provide a range of scenic integrity objectives from high to very high.</p>

**Standards
and
guidelines**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Guidelines**
1. The following actions should be taken when needed:
 - a. Minimize trail impacts to scenic resources.
 - b. Eliminate duplicate trails.
 2. Bridges may be necessary for user safety or to protect streamside areas but should not be provided merely for user convenience.

RECREATION

- Guidelines**
1. An incidence of contact with other groups or individuals should be provided within the following guidelines:
 - a. No more than 12 other parties encountered per day on a Forest Development Trail on 80 percent of the days during each use season.
 - b. No more than six other campsites within sight or sound of campsites on 80 percent of the days during each use season.
 2. A minimal number of signs should be provided for resource protection and directions at trail junctions.
 3. Manage campsites as follows:
 - a. Density of sites will be moderate, not to exceed three sites per acre or six sites per linear mile of trail.
 - b. Many sites at destination locations will be Cole Condition Class 2 to 3, with some Class 4.
 - c. Manage Cole Condition Class 5 sites as either designated sites or rehabilitate to a lower condition class.

SPECIAL USES

- Guideline**
1. Keep a minimum distance of three-fourths of a mile between outfitter-guide camps.

1.13 Semi-Primitive Wilderness

Theme	Semi-primitive wilderness areas are managed to protect natural conditions and provide access to primitive or pristine areas. Encounters with other users may be frequent due to concentrated use. Past human use of the area is evident.
Management area description	These areas are managed to emphasize sustaining and protecting natural conditions. Management actions to mitigate visitor use impacts of the resource are noticeable. Encounters with other users may be frequent due to concentrated use. Human use and activities within the area are evident.
Desired condition	<p>Trail and bridge construction incorporate natural designs and native materials that complement the surrounding landscape whenever possible. Pre-existing rights (such as mining and water) may exist and be in operation.</p> <p>Sustaining and protecting natural conditions is emphasized. Day-use opportunities are common within this management area. Campsites are restricted to designated sites. Contact with other people is likely. The area provides low-to-moderate opportunities for solitude during the primary use season. Travel is primarily along a well-defined trail system. Trail tread is very evident and trails normally are cleared of downed timber. There is the opportunity for a moderate level of risk and challenge. For information on HRV see the Introduction to Category 1 on page 3-4.</p> <p>The recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) for this management area is semi-primitive non-motorized year-round. Scenery is managed to provide a range of scenic integrity objectives from moderate to high.</p>

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DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK GRAZING

- Standard** 1. Minimize trailing of permitted livestock except where no feasible alternative access to an allotment exists.

RECREATION

- Guidelines**
1. Restrict overnight camping to designated sites.
 2. A moderate incidence of contact with other groups or individuals should be provided within the following guideline:
 - a. No more than 20 other parties encountered on a Forest Development Trail per day on 80 percent of the days in each use season.
 3. Manage campsites as follows:
 - a. Concentrate use in Cole Condition Class 3 and 4 sites.
 - b. Manage Cole Condition Class 5 sites as either designated sites or rehabilitate to a lower condition class.
 4. Except for through-travel use, prohibit or restrict recreational livestock.

SPECIAL USES

- Standard** 1. Do not authorize outfitter-guide assigned campsites for longer than 14 days.