



Wildlands Guide

**Protecting Wilderness, Wildlife,
and Water of New Mexico**

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Wildlands Guide

This Wildlands Guide provides Wilderness Defenders with information on the wildlands throughout New Mexico. This guide consists of four main sections: Special Areas of Consideration, Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas, Forest Service Wilderness Study Areas, and Additional Resources. Prior to embarking on any field trips, Defenders should consult this Wildland Guide and other resources for pertinent trip planning information.

Caja Del Rio

Description:

The Caja del Rio area is a lower elevation and dryer section of the Santa Fe National Forest. It is co-managed by the Forest Service & BLM. This is mainly a Piñon-Juniper dominated vegetation zone with areas of sage and mixed grasses. It is often open for recreational opportunities when the rest of the Forest is snowed over. Watch for seasonal road closures due to wet and very muddy roads. It is another good area for solitude and lesser traveled trails.

Access Point:

Access is through New Mexico Highway 599, Santa Fe County Road 62, and Forest Service Road 24. To access La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs from Santa Fe, take US-84 west to NM-599 south. In 11 miles, turn right onto Paseo Real. In 3.4 miles, La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs will be on the right.

Agency Point of Contact:

Forest Service, Santa Fe National Forest - Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger Station
505-757-6121

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/about-forest/offices>

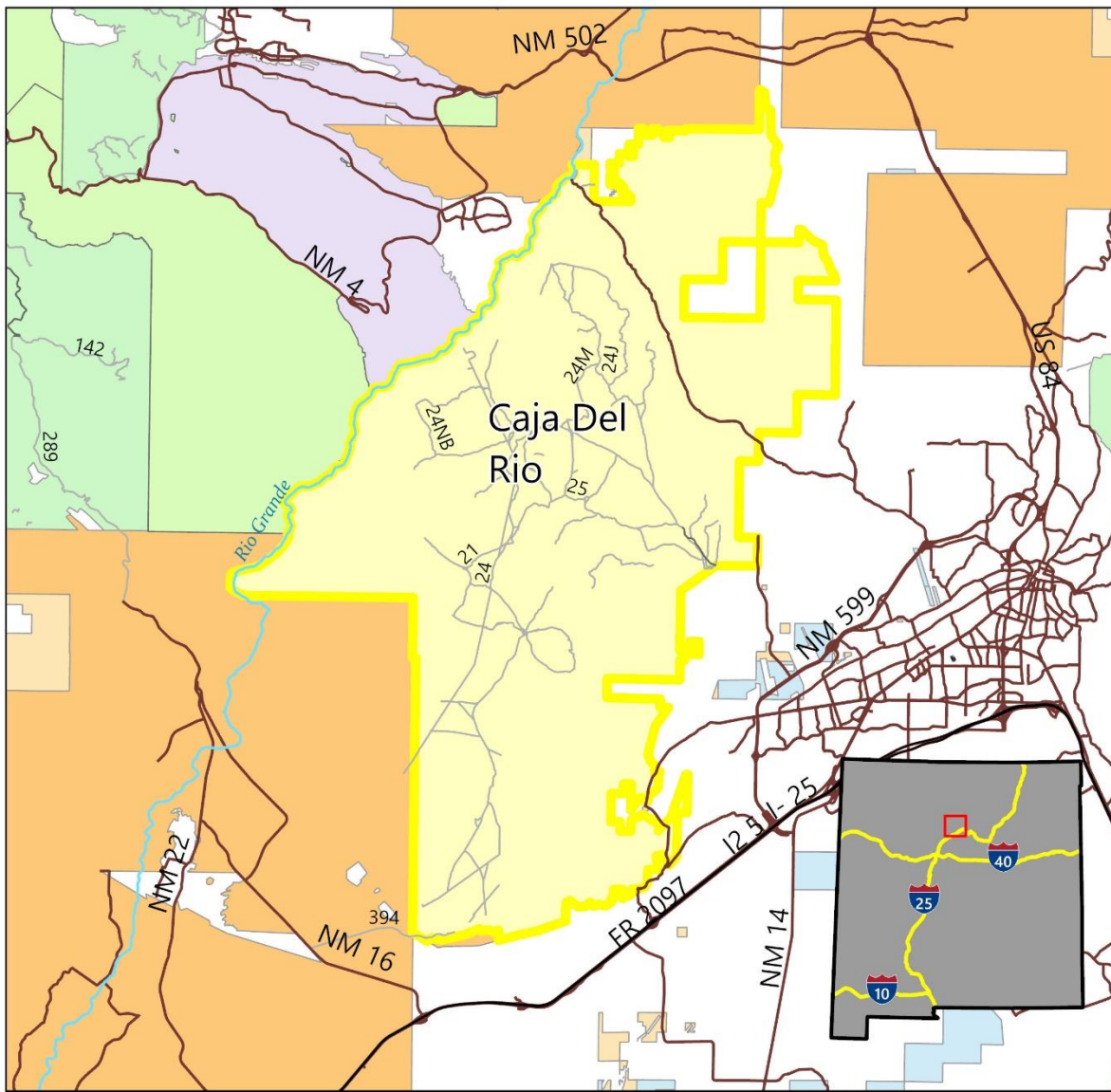
Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office
505-954-2000

<https://www.blm.gov/office/new-mexico-state-office>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Caja Del Rio



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- NPS Boundaries
- BLM
- DOE
- 7/10/2024
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- NPS
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers
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San Juan Basin Badlands

Trials

Description:

The Trials Badlands area is adjacent to the Ojito Wilderness area and borders NM550. Little is known about this plot of land, just that it is managed by the BLM and is 4,824 acres.

Access Point:

You can access this Badlands area through the Red Mesa Loop in San Ysidro, NM. From the parking area off highway 550, climb through the fence or over the locked gate and head north. Do not be put off by this start, many BLM sites in NM are open to hiking, but locked to keep vehicles out. A lot of this hike is off trail, so it's recommended to have a map downloaded for navigation.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

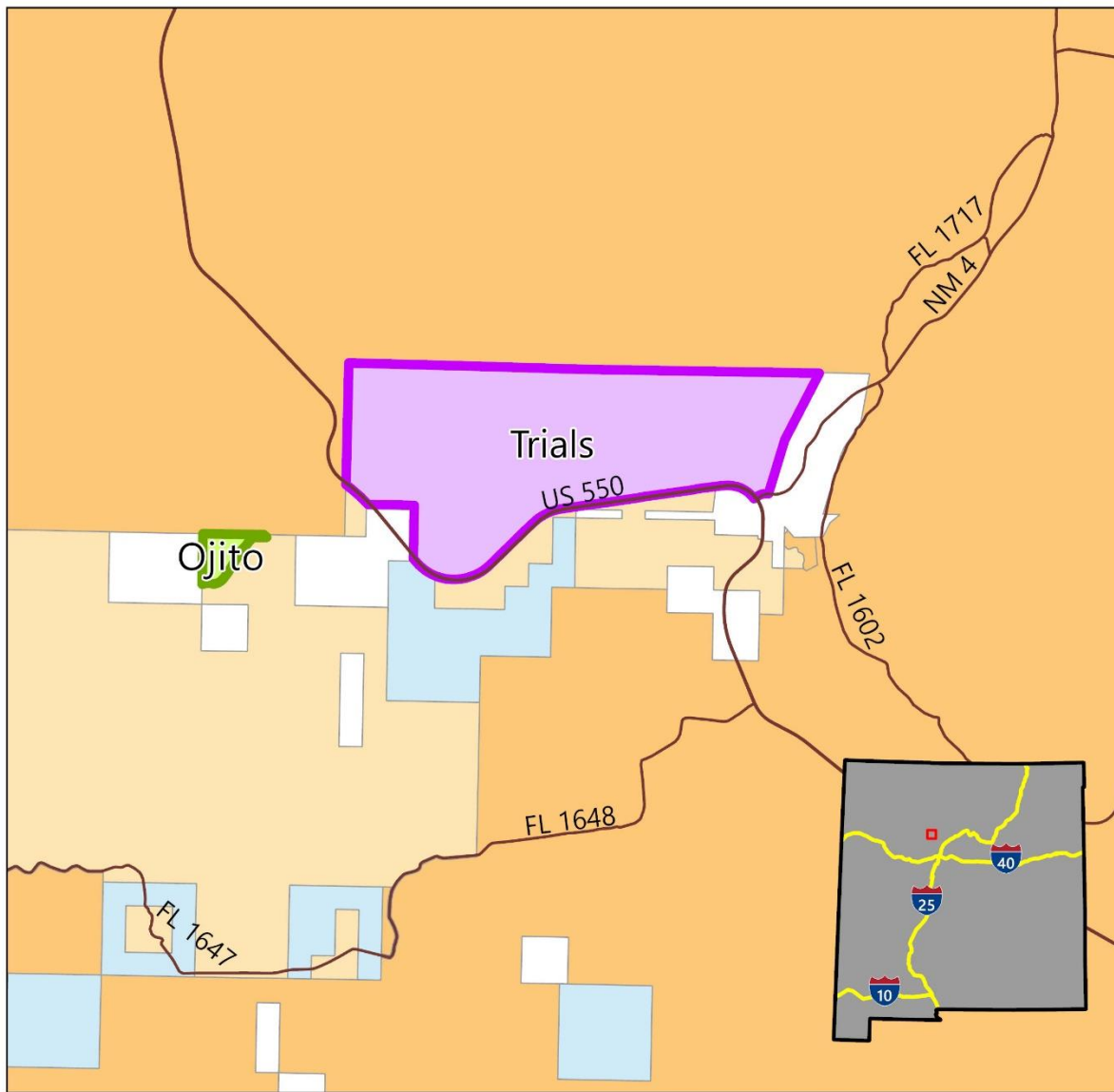
<https://www.blm.gov/office/farmington-field-office>

Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Access Point Reference: [AllTrails; Red Mesa Loop San Ysidro](#)

Trials



- Roads
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles



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Elk Springs

Description:

The Elk Springs and La Ventana badlands areas are in the San Juan Basin east of NM550. Little is known about these plots of land, just that they are primarily managed by the BLM, with state and private land mixed in, and cover a total of 10,304-acres. The eastern part of the Elk Springs boundary crossed NM550, so this may be a potential access point.

Access Point: N/A

Agency Point of Contact:

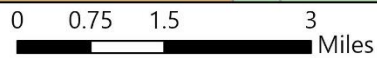
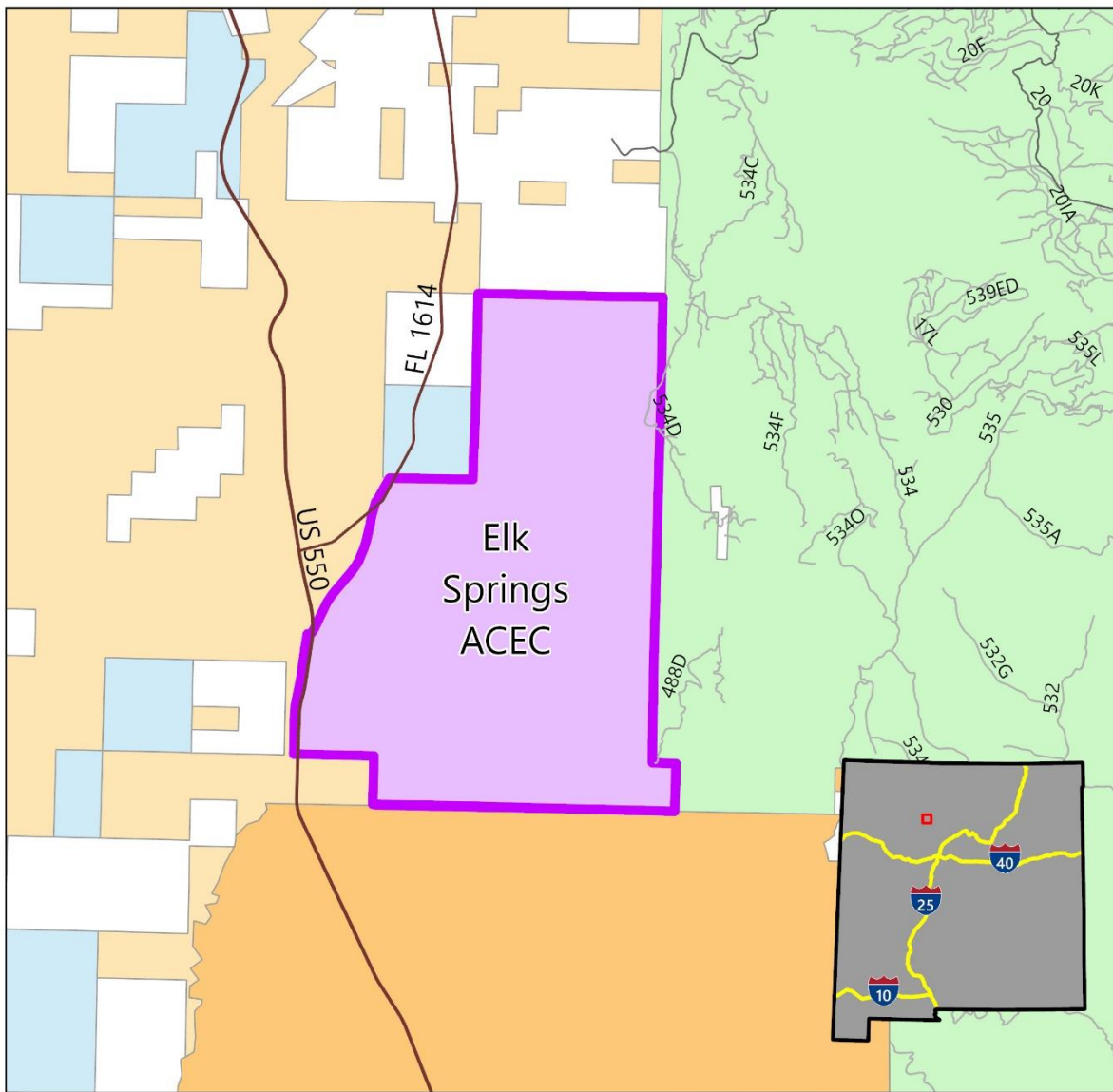
Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

<https://www.blm.gov/office/farmington-field-office>

Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Elk Springs



- Roads
 - 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - San Juan Basin Badlands
 - BLM
- Forest Service
 - Indigenous
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers

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Mesa Chijuilla and Mesa de Cuba

Description:

Mesa Chijuilla and Mesa de Cuba lie west of NM550 and the town of Cuba, NM. Mesa de Cuba has scattered hoodoos, sandstone formations, and petrified wood beneath isolated mesas, separated by bushy plains and patches of badlands. Mesa Chijuilla spans 4,361 acres, and Mesa de Cuba 4,321 acres.

Access Point:

To access Mesa de Cuba, turn off U.S. 550 onto N.M. 197 at the south end of Cuba, and curve south and then west around Cuba Mesa for 5.5 miles to a right-hand turnoff onto a two-track dirt road. You can park here and hike east to the mesa base or continue 1 mile north along the rugged dirt road to another convenient starting point.

The turnoff for Mesa Chijuilla is 0.2 mile past the junction of N.M. 197 and the dirt road that is the main access route from the south for all four of the badlands beyond Mesa de Cuba. Continue north on the turnoff 3 miles to the first parking area and the hoodoos clearly visible to the left or continue north another 2.3 miles along the mesa base; park wherever you want and walk over to the mesa.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

<https://www.blm.gov/office/farmington-field-office>

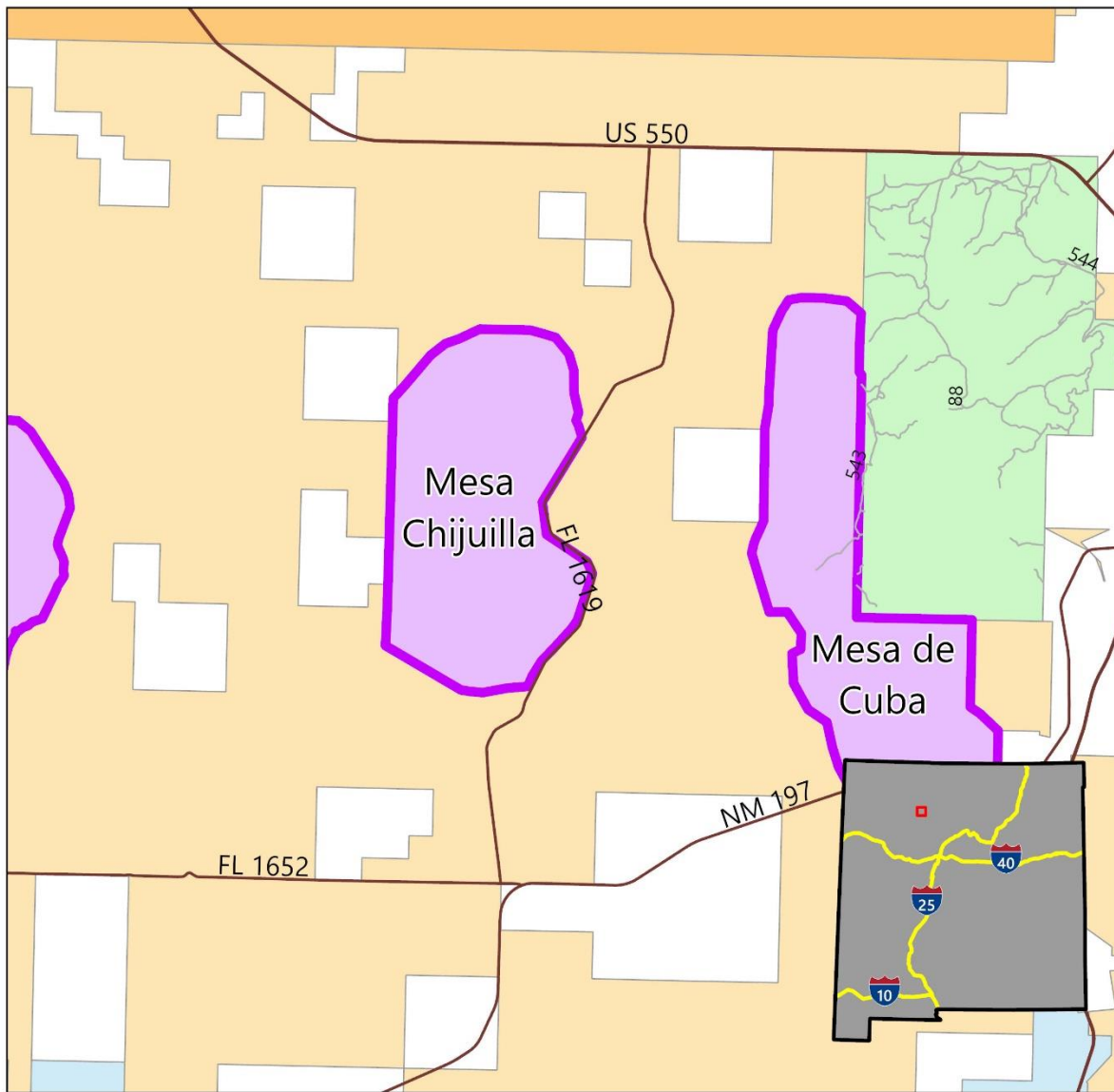
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Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Description Reference: [The American Southwest](#)

Access Point Reference: [New Mexico Magazine](#)

Mesa Chijuilla

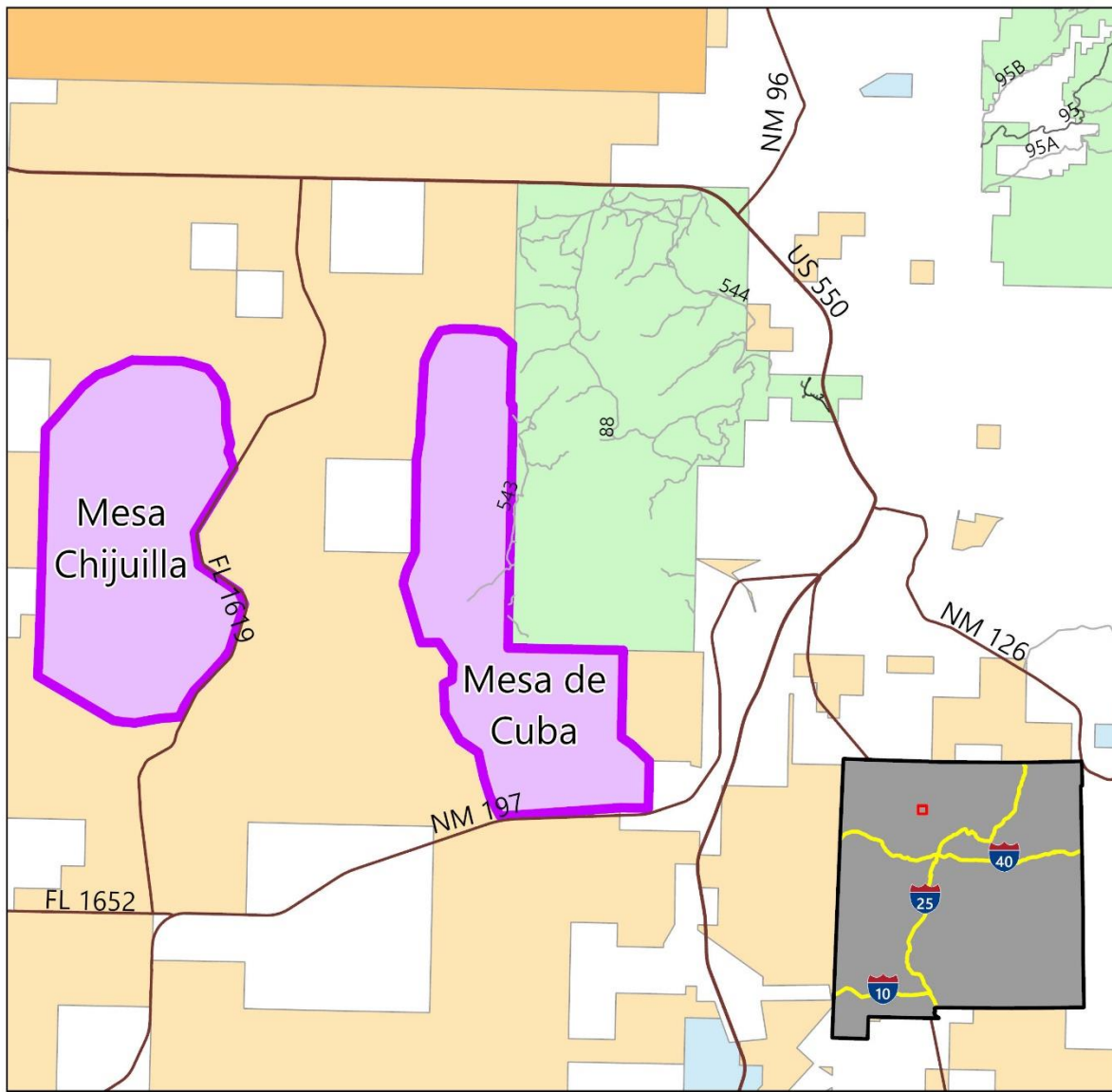


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- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Mesa de Cuba



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- 7/10/2024
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0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles



Cejita Blanca, Caja Pelon, and Penistaja

Description:

Cejita Blanca, Ceja Pelon, and Mesa Penistaja are located east of the Continental Divide trail and west of Mesa Chijuilla. All three are rather remote, but still have extensive hoodoos, colorful rocks, and petrified wood. Ceja Pelon is said to have the greatest concentration of petrified wood anywhere in New Mexico. Mesa Penistaja spans 4,357 acres, Ceja Pelon 3,909 acres, and Cejita Blanca 4,100 acres.

Access Point:

Mesa Penistaja is accessible from the original dirt road used to access Mesa Chijuilla (described above) by continuing west for a total of 16.9 miles from the initial junction of U.S. 550 and N.M. 197 and taking a right (north) turn onto a smaller dirt road. Take this road 2 miles north until you see the Mesa Penistaja badlands on the right. Park where convenient, then head east to the obvious hoodoos. To access the interior of Mesa Penistaja, you must climb over the mesa and hike a short distance into the hoodoo maze.

The access road into Ceja Pelón is another 0.6-mile north from Mesa Penistaja, and on the left. This route requires four-wheel drive, or you can park and walk the half-mile to the mesa base.

Cejita Blanca is the farthest and most difficult to reach. Take the same original dirt road west for a total of 20.9 miles from the junction of U.S. 550 and N.M. 197 to a large, white Spanish mission complex. Take a sharp turn left and go 0.5 mile to a paved road, Navajo 474. Turn right (north) and travel 7.3 miles past the Navajo Ojo Encino Chapter complex to a right-hand turn east down a dirt road. This very rough, rutted, 1.9-mile road into the badlands and juniper groves requires four-wheel drive.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

<https://www.blm.gov/office/farmington-field-office>

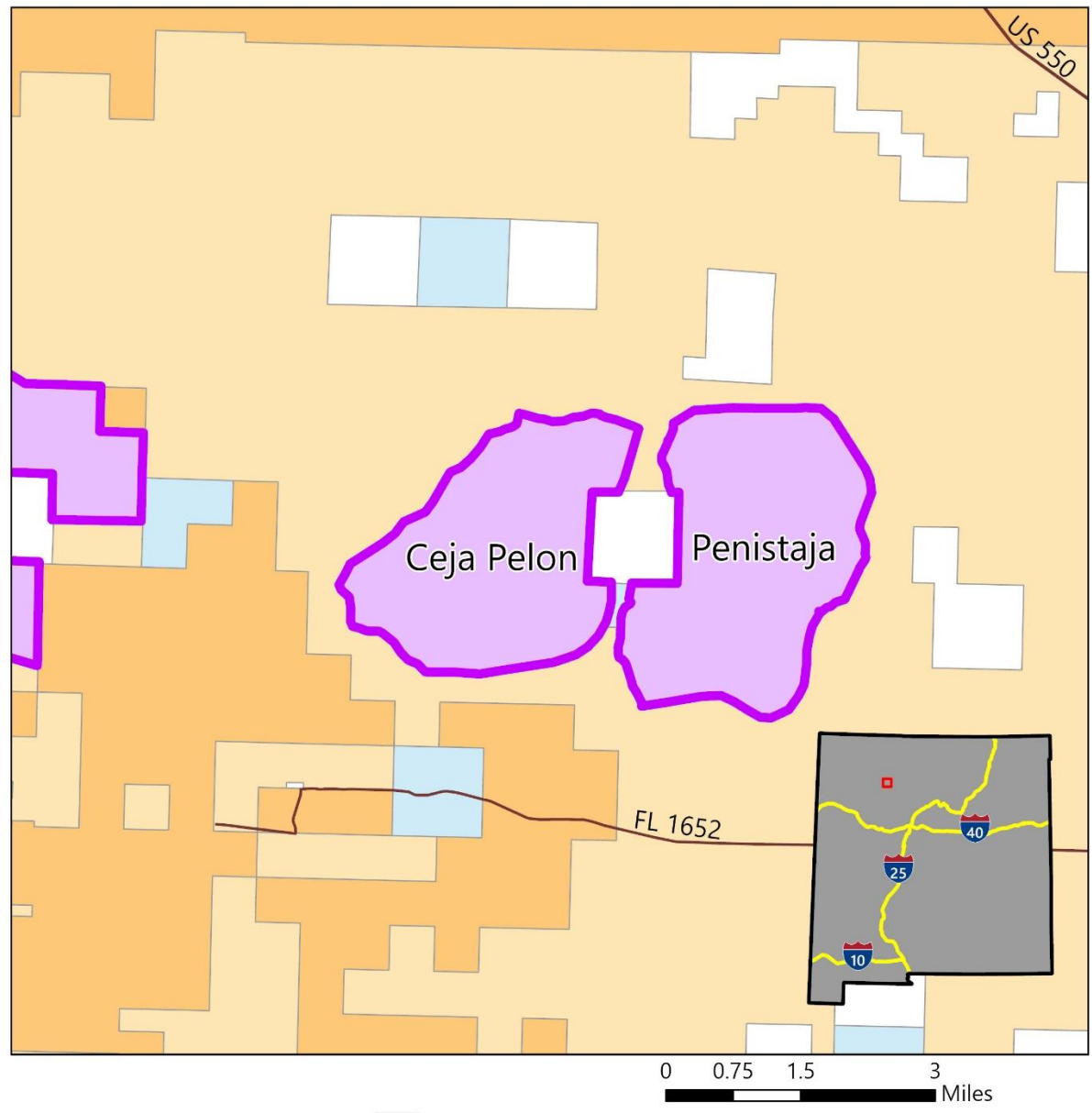
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Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Description Reference: [The American Southwest](#)

Access Point Reference: [New Mexico Magazine](#)

Ceja Pelon

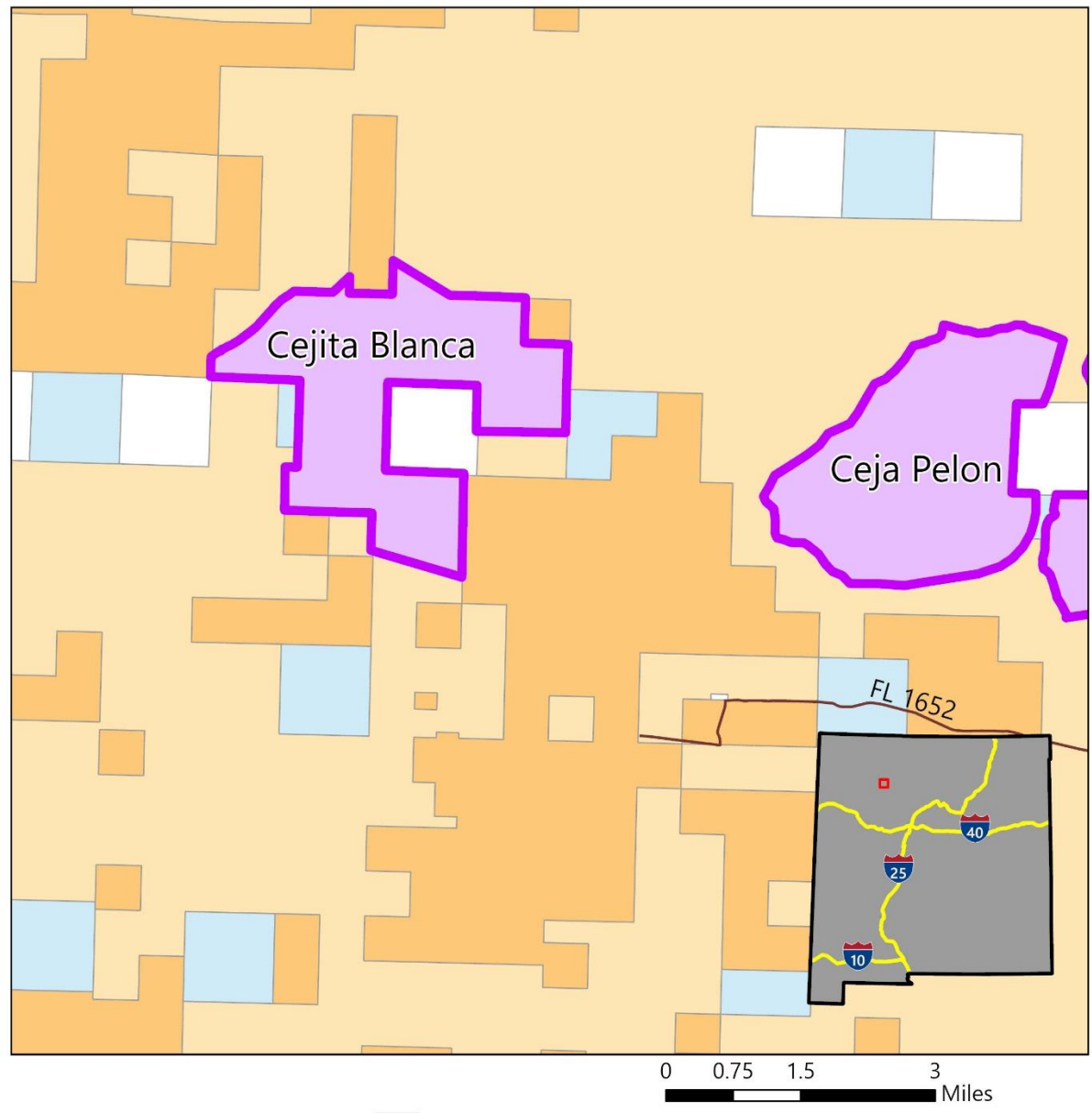


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- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Cejita Blanca

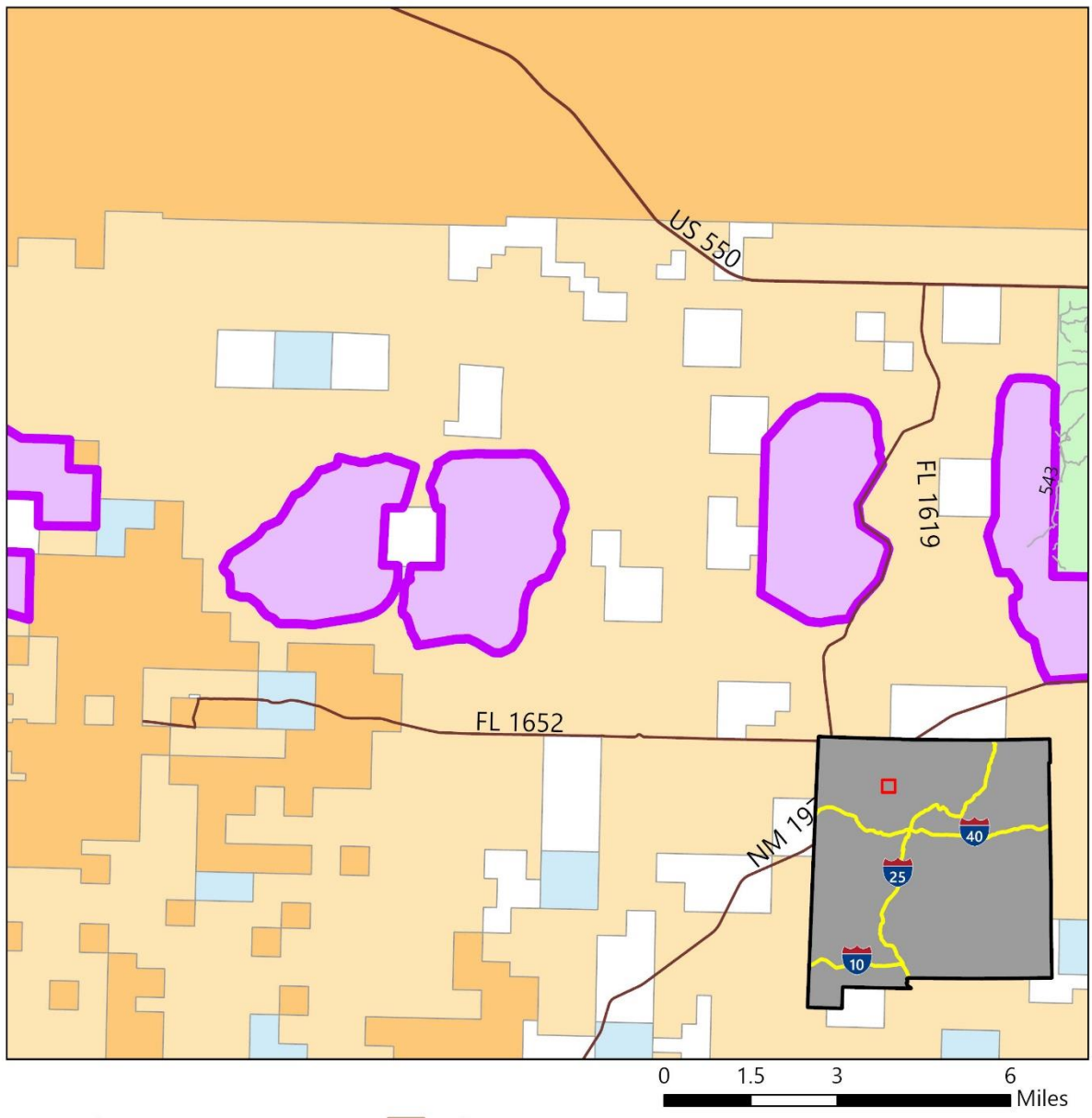


- Roads
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Penistaja



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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San Jose

Description: The San Jose badlands area is located west of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness, and north of Cuba, NM and the San Pedro Parks Wilderness. It has scattered hoodoos, sandstone formations, and petrified wood. The region spans 6,638 acres total.

Access Point: From Albuquerque, go west on US 550, 5.5 miles beyond Cuba. Turn right on NM 96, proceed through La Jara and Regina. When NM 96 turns 90 degrees to the right (east), continue ahead (north) for 1.67 miles, turn left on County 391 (not marked). This is a dirt road in decent shape (it serves gas wells in the area); in about 2.3 miles you will be at the south end of San Jose Badlands. There are multiple two-tracks in the area.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

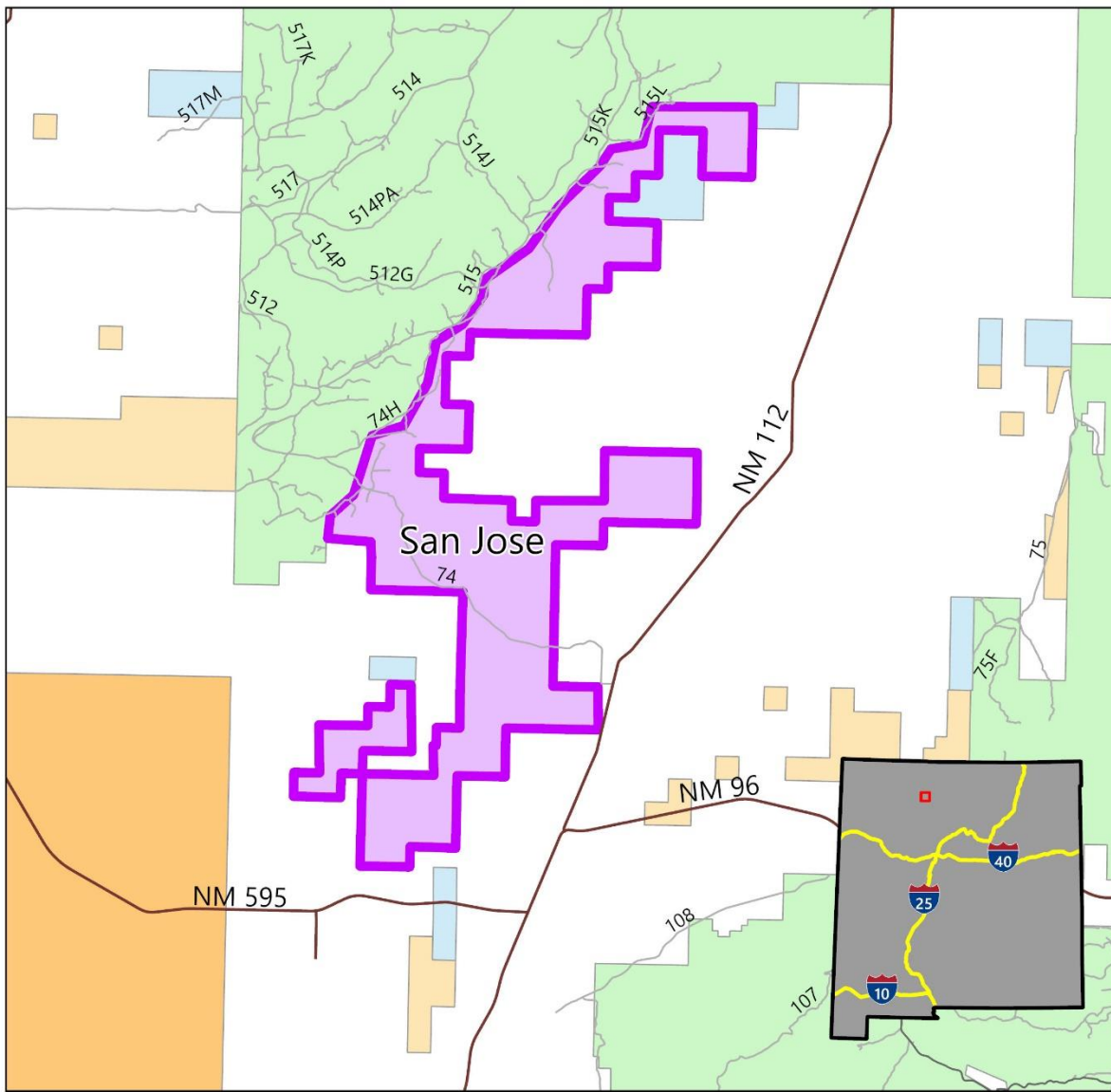
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Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Access Point Reference: [Hiking in New Mexico](#)

San Jose



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- █ San Juan Basin Badlands
- █ BLM
- █ Forest Service
- █ Indigenous
- █ Private
- █ State
- █ Major Rivers

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Lybrook

Description:

The Lybrook Badlands area is the largest badland region, spanning over 700 feet of elevation and 25,525 acres. There are tall cliffs of brownish sandstone above extensive flats of lighter-colored rocks, crossed by branched ravines, with many fine hoodoos.

Access Point:

The most used access route is 5.1 miles south of US 550 along paved IR 7061, just past a junction to the west with road 7950 (leading to Chaco Culture NHS), then turning east along an unpaved track which crosses clayish ground that becomes impassable when wet but is smooth and firm when dry. The road passes several oil and gas installations, then after 2.9 miles reaches the brink of a line of low cliffs, descending 150 feet into the badlands. A suitable parking place is 1.7 miles further, beside a sidetrack to the north, opposite a small pond and shortly before the crossing of Alamito Arroyo. Other tracks branch out to the north, east and south, leading to many more installations, positioned every half mile or so, and the main track is quite heavily traveled by large trucks.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

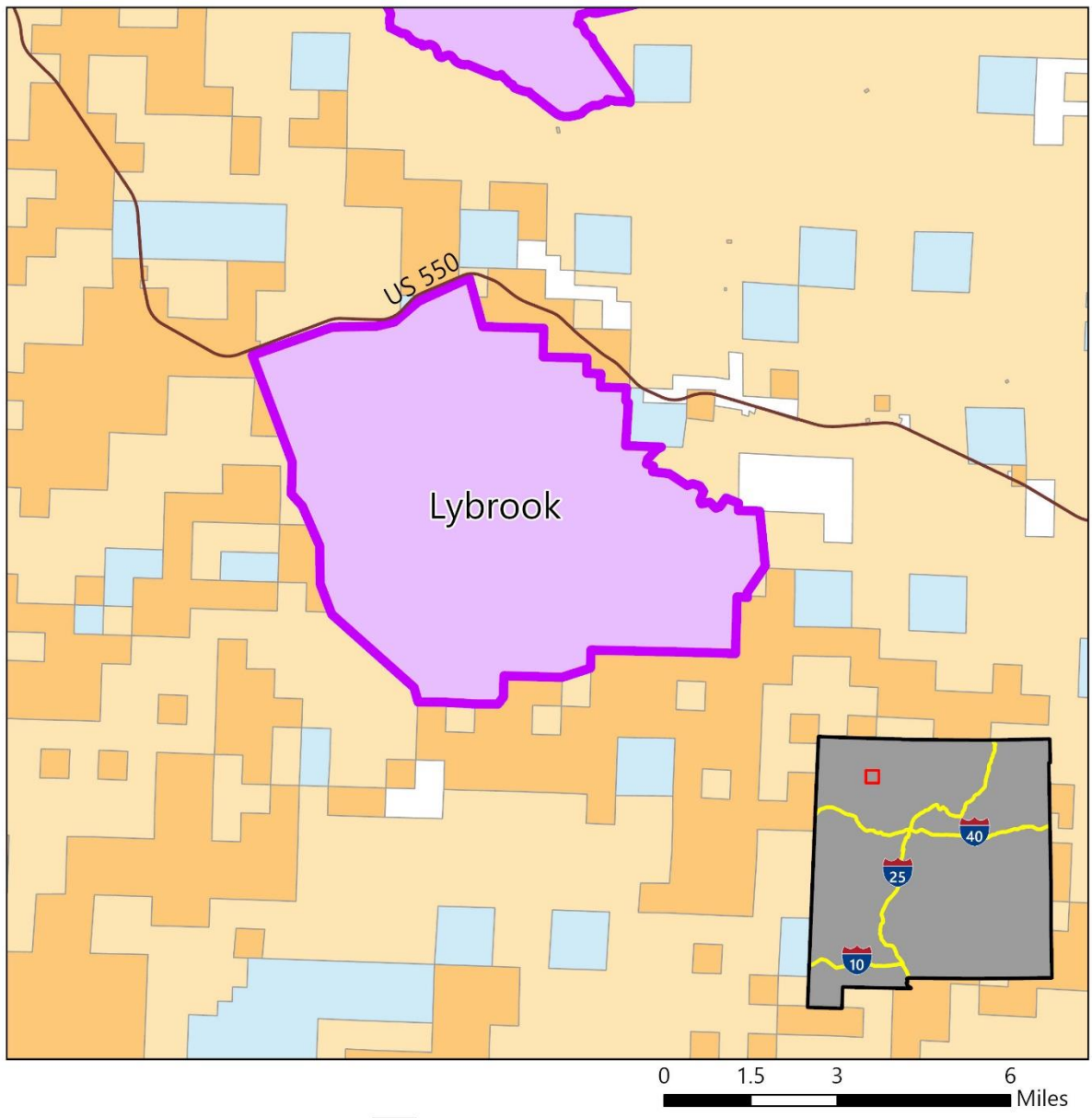
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Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Description and Access Point Reference: [The American Southwest](#)

Lybrook



- Roads
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Crow Mesa

Description: The Crow Mesa Badlands area is located north of NM550 and the Lybrook Badlands area. Not much is known about this area, aside from it being primarily BLM land, with some state-owned parcels mixed in, and that it contains the Crow Mesa Wildlife Area nature reserve. The Crow Mesa area spans 16,510 acres, making it the second largest badlands area in northwestern New Mexico.

Access Point: No known information.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

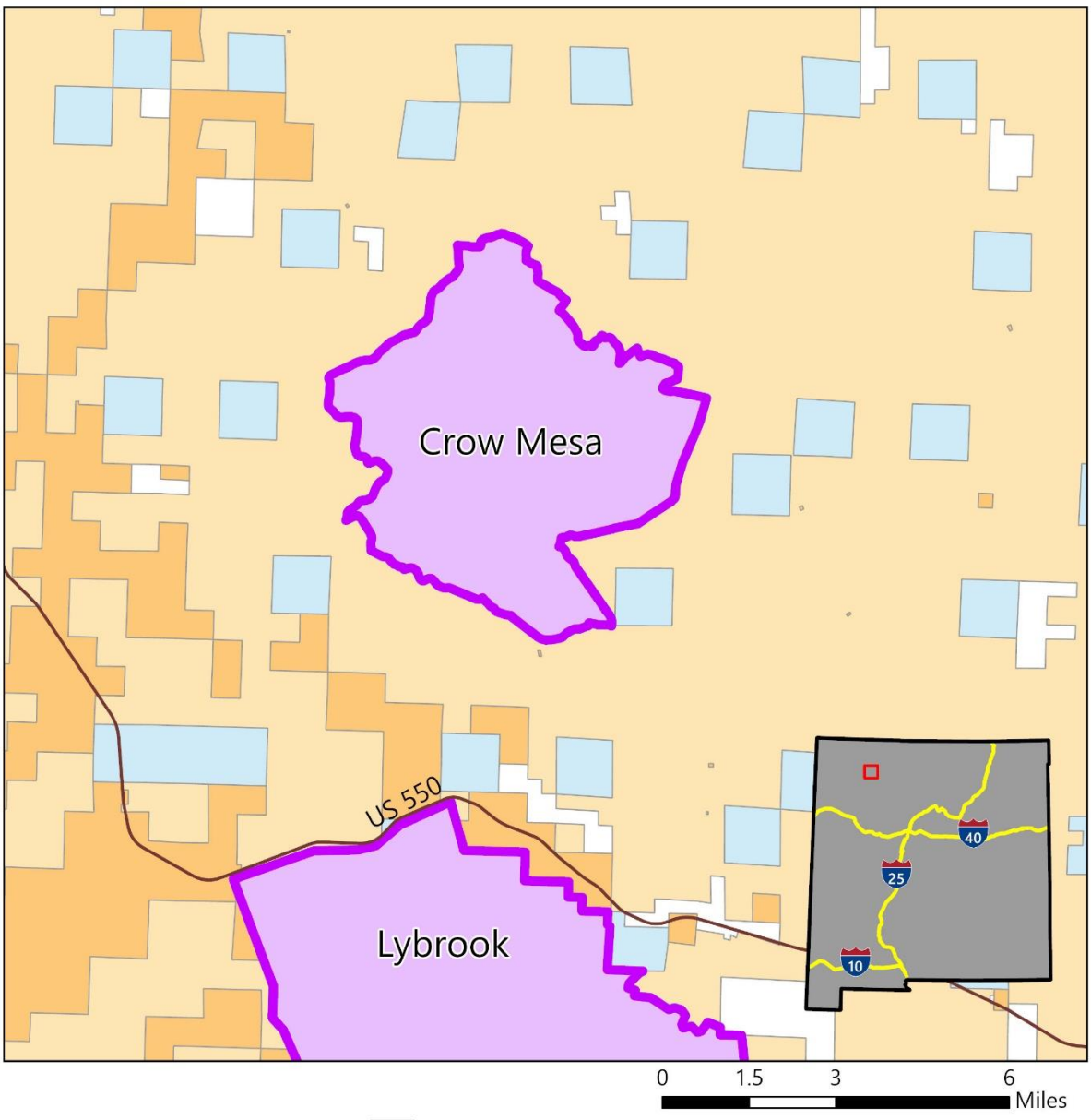
<https://www.blm.gov/office/farmington-field-office>

Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Wildlife Area Reference: [Mapcarta](#)

Crow Mesa



- Roads
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Fossil Forest

Description: Remote region in the San Juan Basin of northwest New Mexico, containing hoodoos, balanced rocks, colorful mounds, and petrified wood, including large, upright stumps.

Access Point: County Road 7650 leads close to the Fossil Forest, leaving highway 371 45.5 miles south of Farmington and heading east. This part of New Mexico is close to the edge of the Navajo Reservation, which breaks up into a series of one-mile squares separated by state or BLM land; the road crosses one such square but the badlands lie just outside the reservation. Like most roads with an official number, CR 7650 has a smooth surface and is well maintained, if little used, crossing a wide grassy valley within sight of a few houses. A low mesa rises to the north after several miles, and the edge of the badlands is visible beyond, one mile away. The suggested parking spot is reached after 4.6 miles, at a slight bend in the road, beside a cattle grid and fence running northwards.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office
505-564-7600

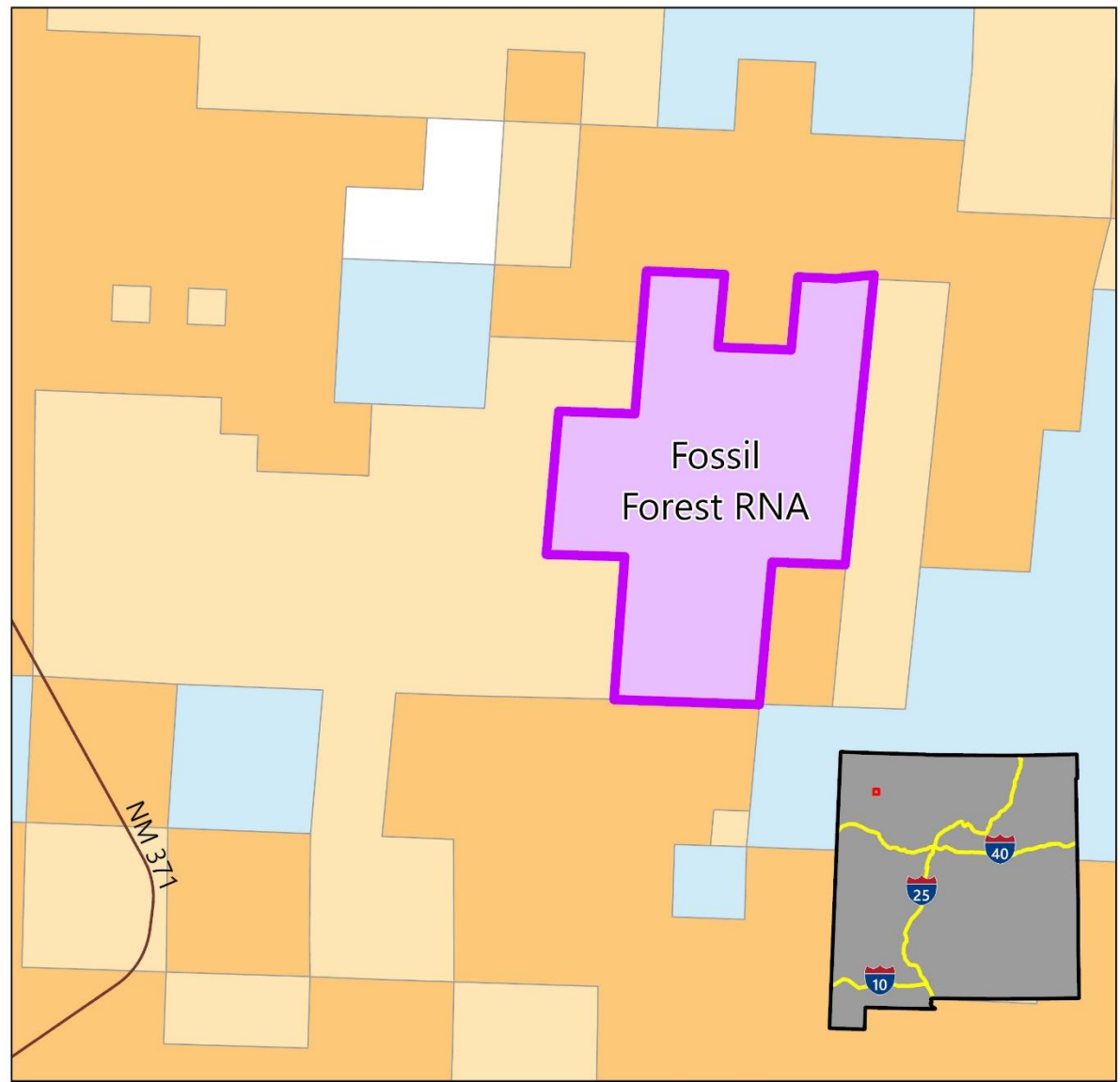
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Inventory Reference: Greater Bisti Badlands.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: N/A

Description and Access Point Reference: [The American Southwest](#)

Fossil Forest



- Roads
- San Juan Basin Badlands
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



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Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Areas

Apache Box WSA

Description:

7,000 acres 45 miles west of Silver City at an elevation of 4,000-6,500 ft. Due to its limited access, this area is best suited for cross-country hiking during the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From the intersection of highways 180 and 78 (approximately 46 miles west of Silver City), drive just over 9 miles west on 78 to Mule Creek and turn south on Brushy Mountain Road. Drive 15 miles on Brushy Mountain Road, passing numerous marked and unmarked intersecting routes (most notably passing Radar Station Road at 12.2 miles). At 15 miles you will come to a locked gate. Park clear of the gate and follow the fence line to the west to avoid private land. Stay on National Forest land north of the fence, eventually turn south into the WSA. You'll need to be able to read a map to navigate into the WSA as this is rugged terrain without a trail.

Agency Point of Contact:

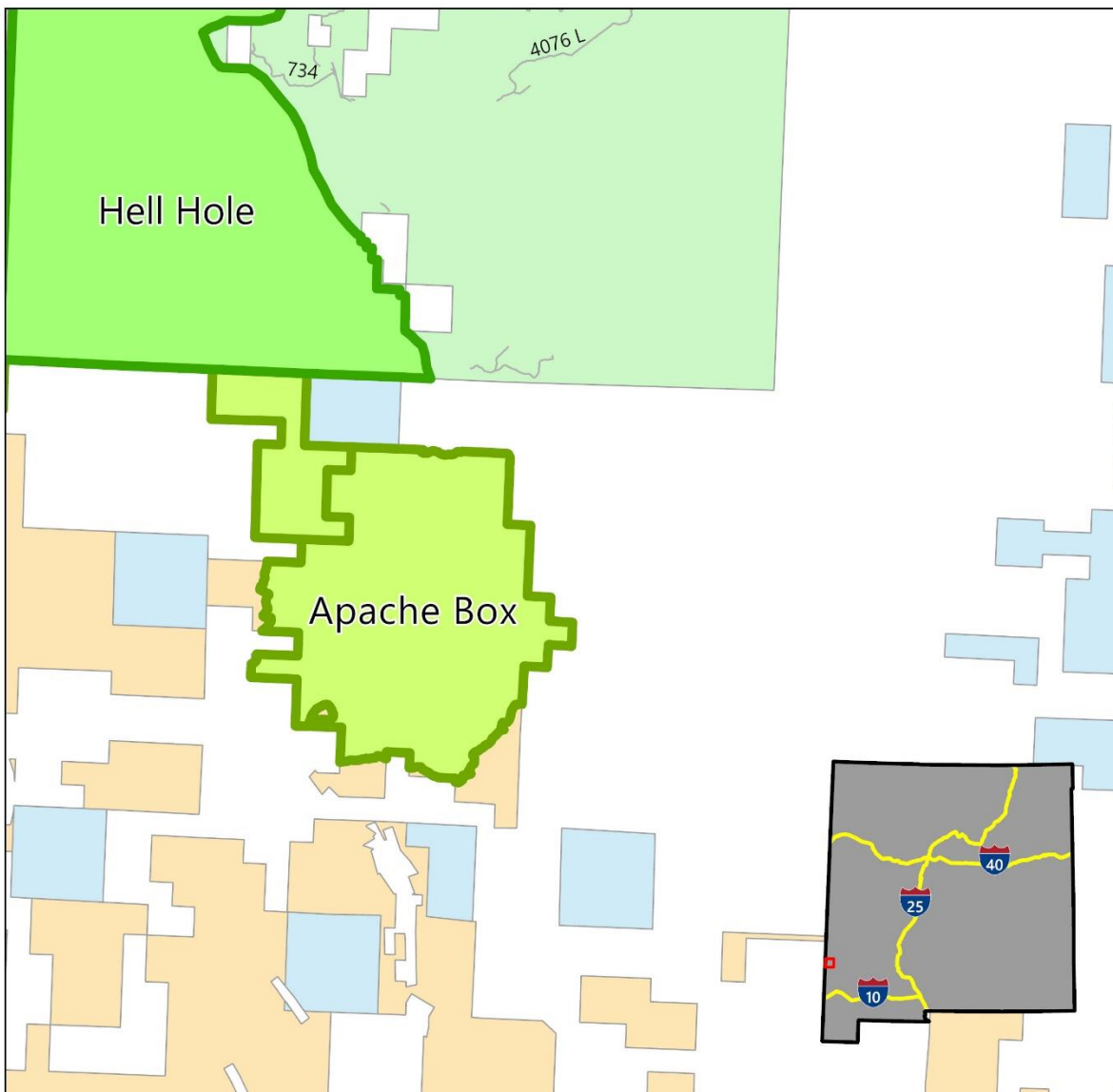
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/apache-box-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 11)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 158

Apache Box WSA



0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles

- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Blue Creek

Description:

15,000 acres north of the Gila River at an elevation of 4,000-5,600 ft. This area does not have marked trails, but is most accessible during the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From Lordsburg, NM, drive north then northwest on US Hwy 70 for approximately 25 miles. Turn right on NM 92 and drive approximately 6 miles, crossing the Gila River on the way, to Mud Springs Ranch Rd (A039), approximately one mile east of Virden, NM. Passing unmarked intersecting roads, drive for approximately 5.5 miles on A039 to a 4WD road on the right. Drive south approximately 1/4 mile; the WSA is on the left side of this road for approximately 1 1/4 miles before entering private land.

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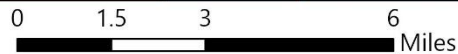
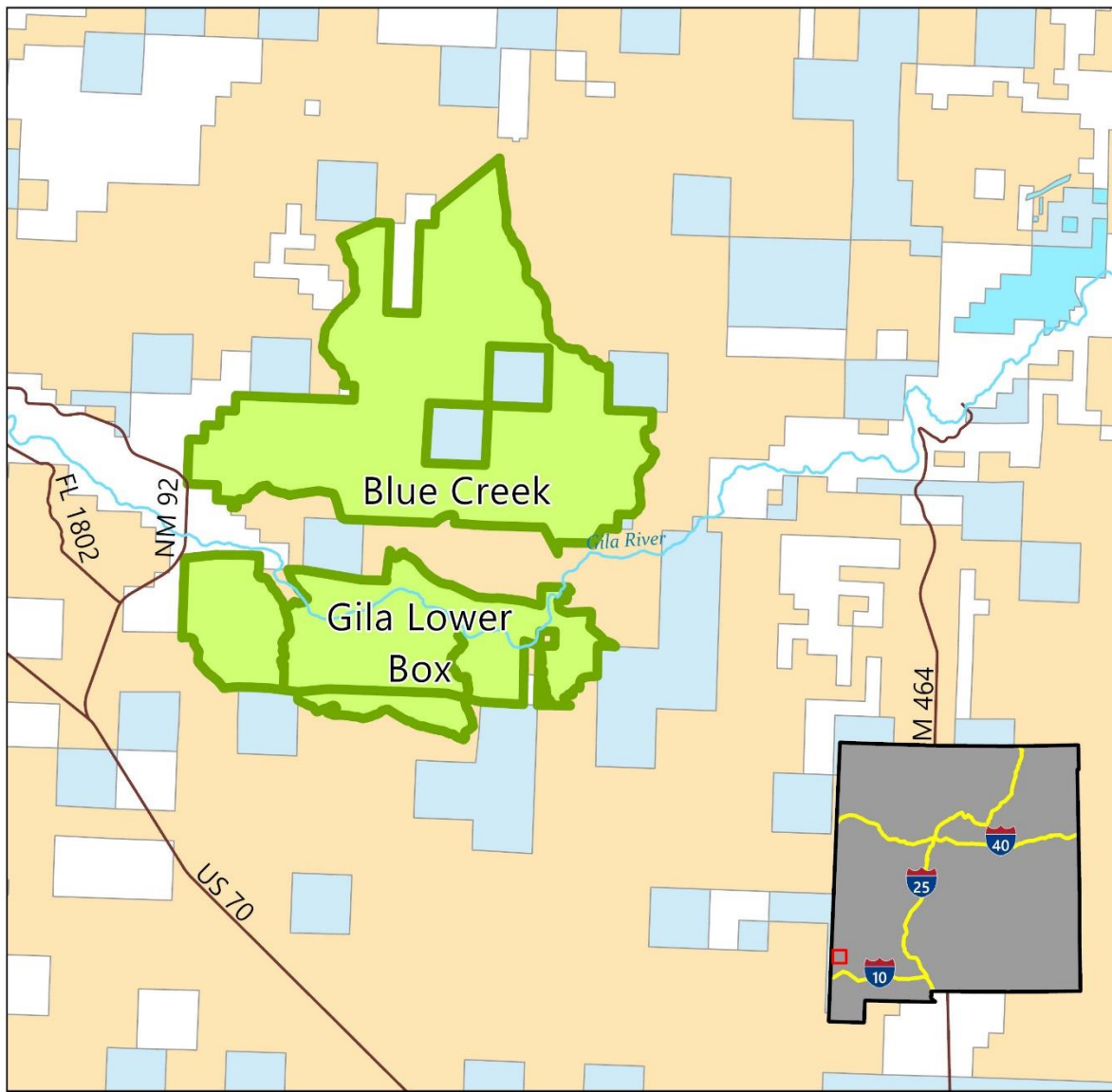
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/blue-creek-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 71-72)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 162

Blue Creek WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Canyons

Description:

This WSA is near Acoma Pueblo, and under consideration to be added to the Cebolla Wilderness. This area is made up of sagebrush flats and sandstone hills and its aptitude for hiking is unknown.

Access Point:

From I- 40 (about 6 miles east of Grants, NM) exit on NM 117. Drive south for approximately 26 miles and turn left onto Cebolla Canyon Road. In about 2 miles, this road becomes the western border of the WSA for approximately 1 mile up to the intersection with Sand Canyon Road. Turning right on Sand Canyon Road, the WSA is on both sides of the road for approximately 2 miles at which point the boundary of the Cebolla Wilderness is reached.

Agency Point of Contact:

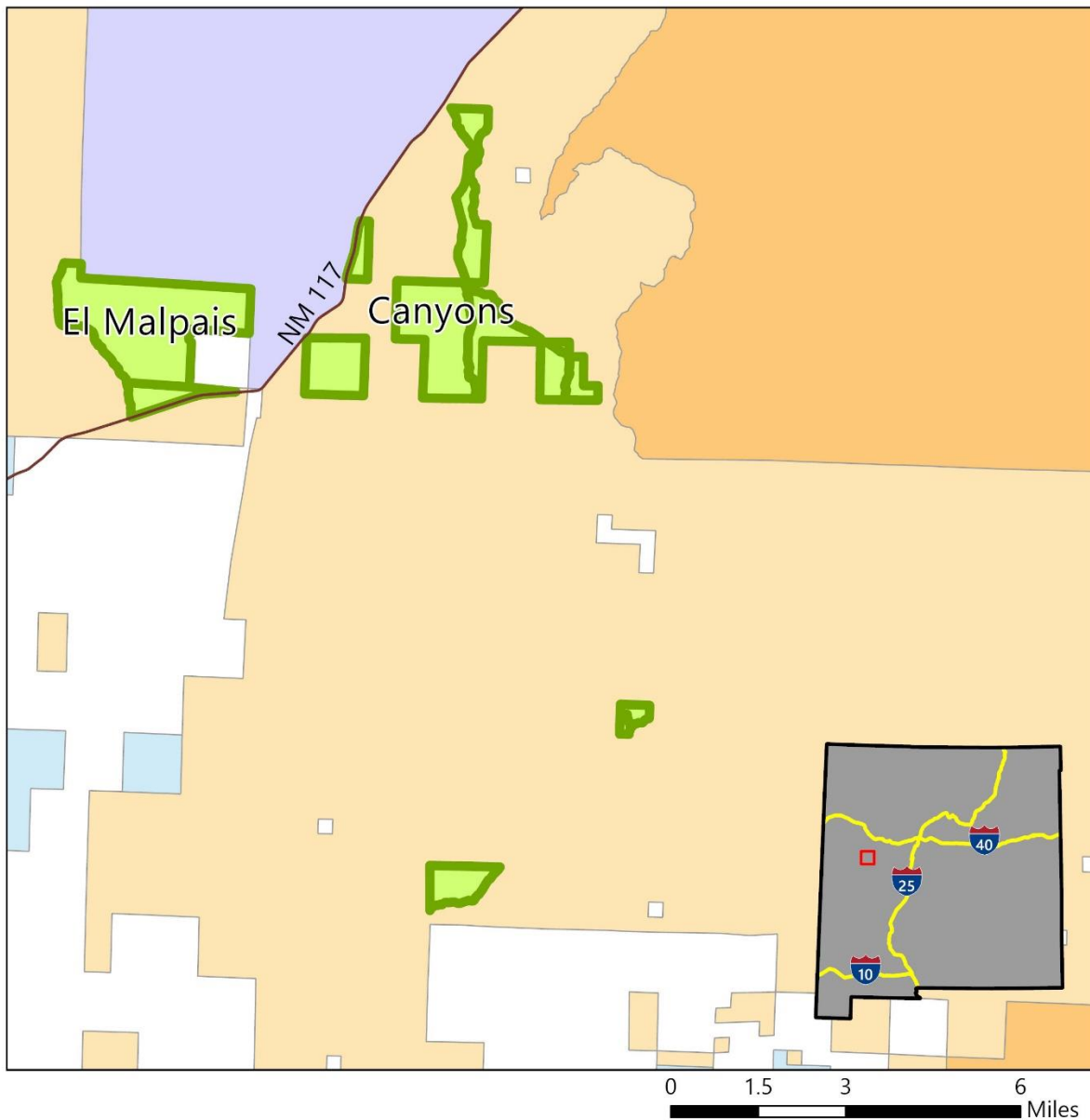
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/canyons-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 15-25)

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Canyons WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
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- NPS
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Carrizozo Lava Flow

Description:

Little Black Peak and Carrizozo Lava Flow combined are 26,000 acres 4 miles west of Carrizozo at an elevation of 4,000-5,500 ft. Though difficult to access and hike, this area is home to a unique ecosystem.

Access Point:

Access is from Highway 380, 4.5 miles west of Carrizozo. There are several pullouts on U.S. 380 from which you may hike southwest into the WSA on the lava flow.

Agency Point of Contact:

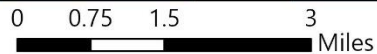
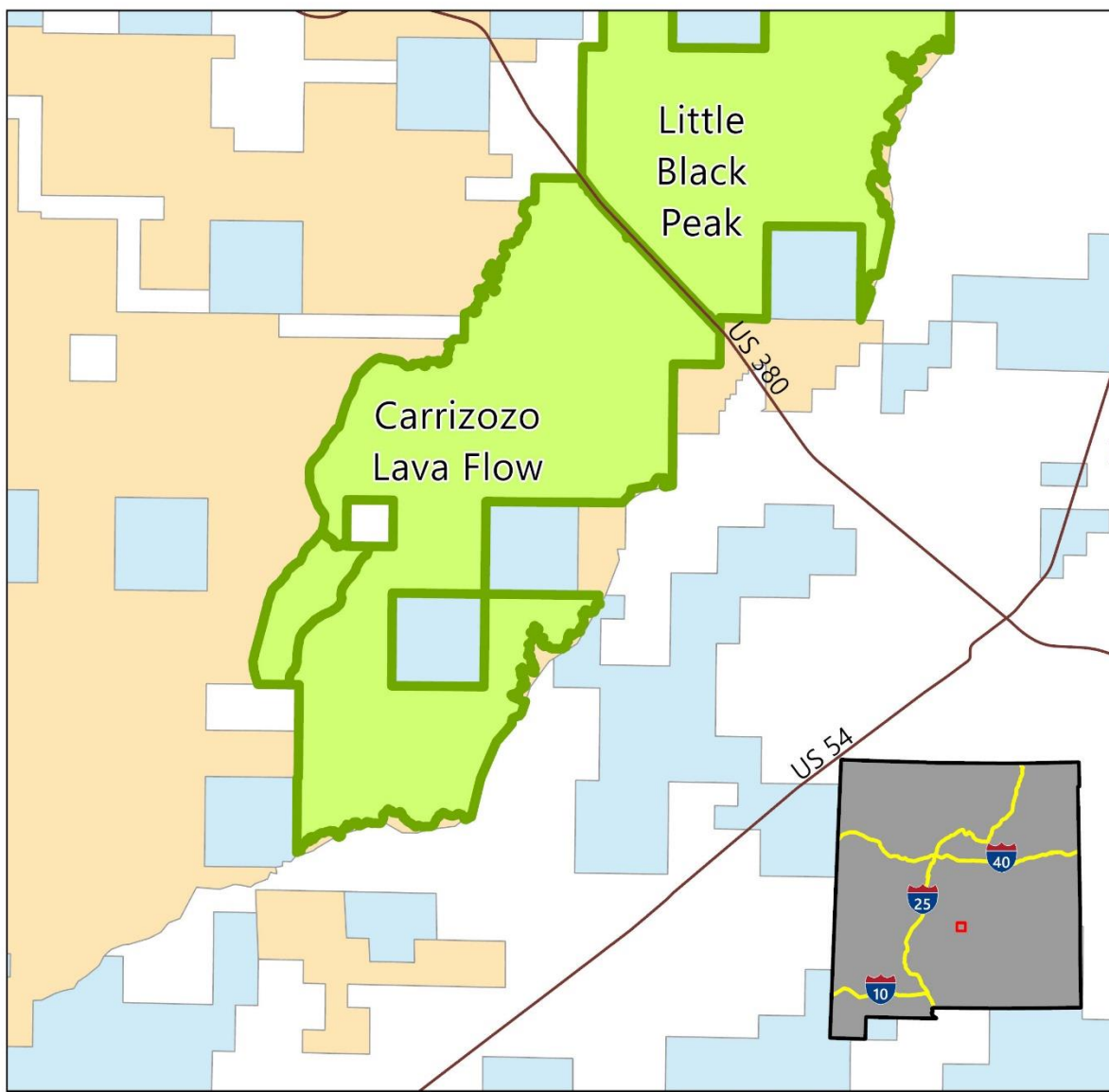
Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office
575-627-0272

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/carrizozo-lava-flow-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Carrizozo Lava Flow.pdf (p. 108-111)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 190

Carrizozo Lava Flow WSA



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Chain of Craters

Description:

18,300 acres southwest of Grants at an elevation of 7,400-8,345 ft. Though there are no designated trails in this WSA, day hiking amongst the craters is possible, and most accessible during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

From I-40 at the west end of Grants, turn south on Highway 53 (Exit 81) and drive about 26 miles. Turn south on County Road 42, about one mile after the Bandera Crater Ice Caves turnoff. County Road 42 passes through El Malpais National Monument for approximately 3 miles before entering BLM's El Malpais National Conservation Area. Continue approximately 15 miles to a Y intersection. Turn right and continue another half mile to where the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail crosses the road. Hike north on the trail (there is no trailhead, and the trail is marked with cairns) into the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/chain-of-craters-wsa>

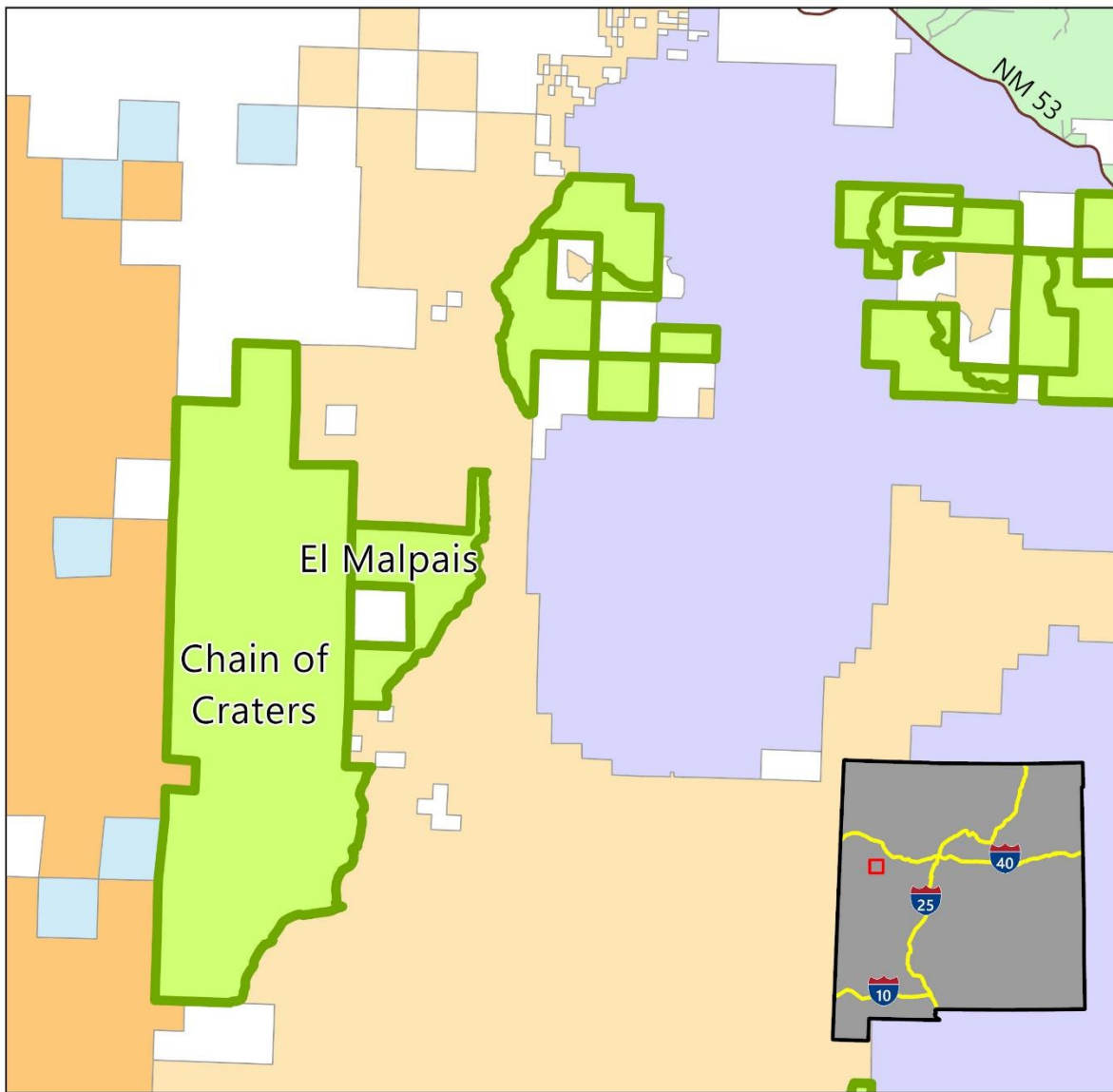
Hikes:

[Cerro Lobo via Continental Divide Trail](#), 6.3 miles

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 15-25)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 134

Chain of Craters WSA



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Continental Divide

Description:

69,000 acres 30 miles south of Datil at an elevation of 6,800 to 9,000 ft. This area contains few trails other than the Continental Divide Trail but does contain scenic spaces. This area is most accessible in spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From Socorro, NM drive west on US Highway 60 for approximately 46.5 miles and turn south onto NM Highway 52 (gravel). Drive for about 21.5 miles on NM 52 and turn west onto NM Highway 163 (gravel). Travel approximately 14.5 miles on 163 to a small pullout serving as a trailhead to the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Hike on the trail to the west to enter the WSA.

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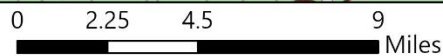
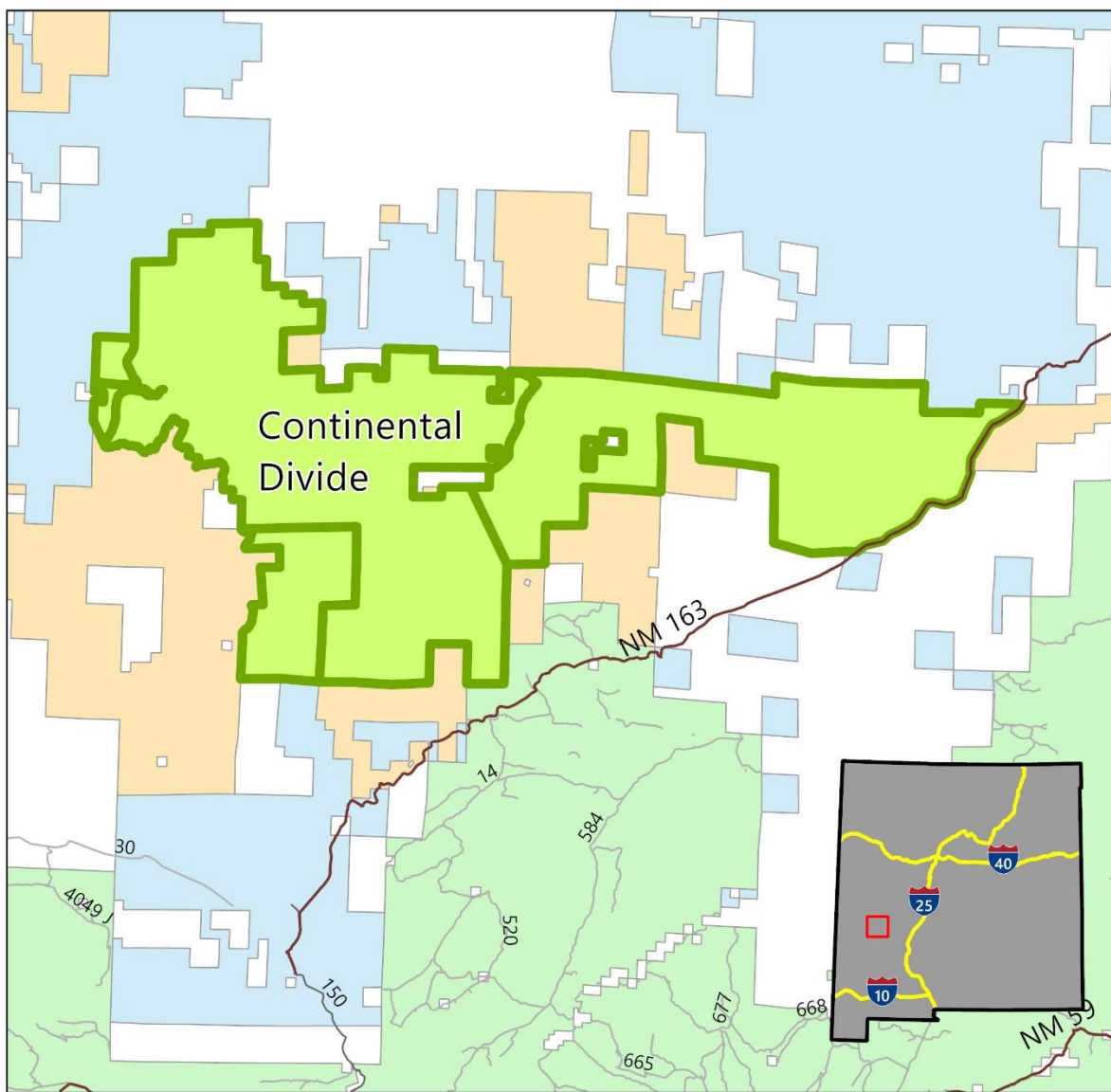
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/continental-divide-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 166

Continental Divide WSA



- Roads
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Devils Backbone

Description:

9,000 acres located southwest of Socorro at an elevation of 5,500 to 8,000 ft. Hiking here is limited but is most accessible in fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From I-25 (approximately 34 miles south of Socorro and 24 miles south of San Antonio), take exit 115 (Highway 107) then turn left on Hwy 107 and drive over the Interstate to turn left onto Highway 1. Drive northeast for about 4 miles and turn left on King's Highway Rd / County Road 124 / A40. King's Hwy passes immediately under the freeway (taking a couple of jogs within the first 1/2 mile), then straightens to the northwest. Drive for about 6 miles and turn right onto an unmarked road that leads northeast. Drive for approximately 2-3 miles and veer left (northwest) and continue for about 1-2 miles to a gate. From this point, hike west on a 2-track route for about .5 mile to the southeast corner of the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

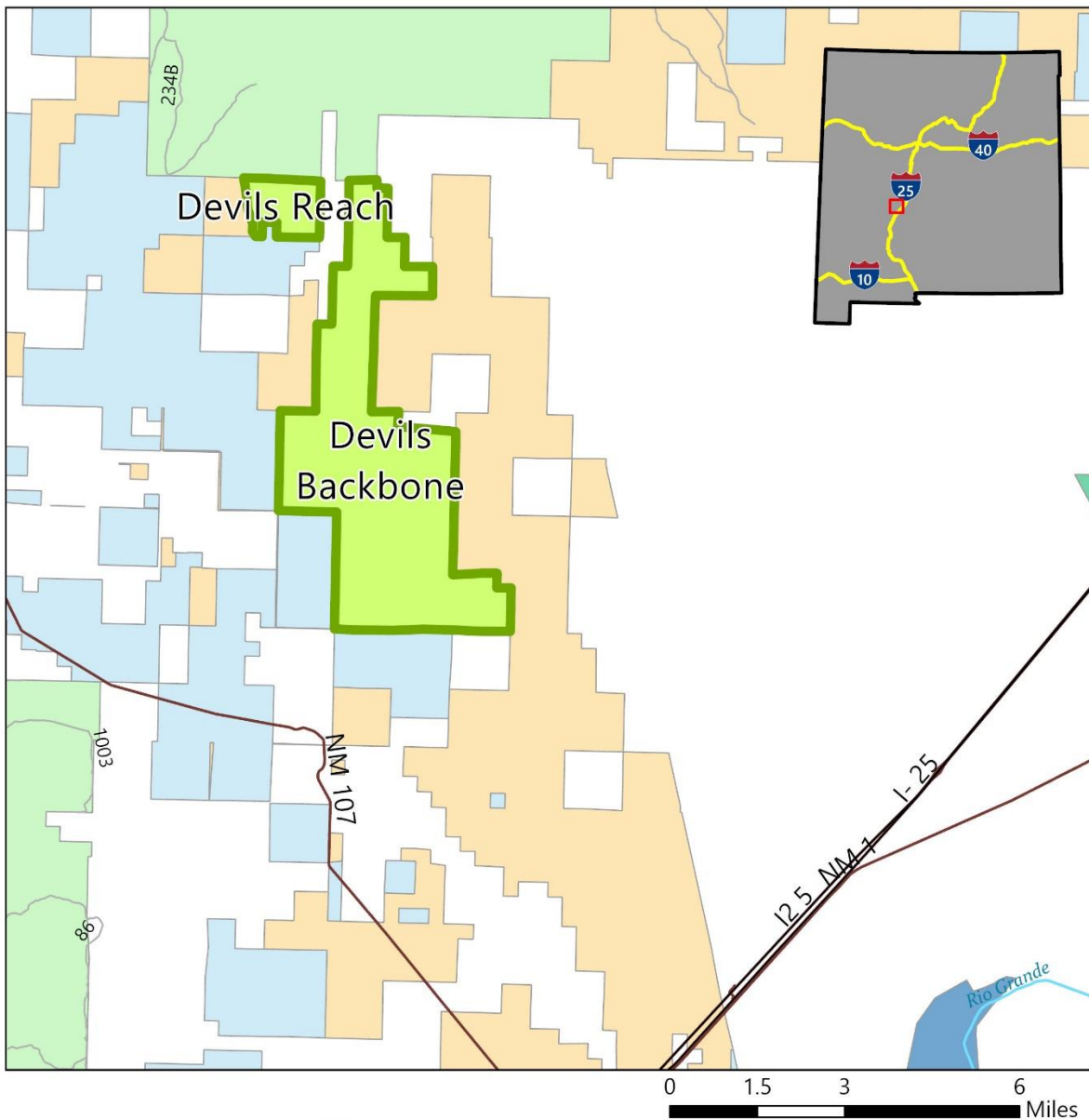
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/devils-backbone-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 167

Devils Backbone WSA



- Roads
 - NM Interstates
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - FWS
 - Private
 - State
 - SP
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Devils Den Canyon

Description:

The Devil's Den, McKittrick Canyon, Lonesome Ridge, Mudgetts and Forest Service run Guadalupe Escarpment combine to form the 30,000-acre Guadalupe Mountain Wilderness Study Area Complex, located west and southwest of Carlsbad. At an elevation of 3,500-7,500 ft, this WSA offers great opportunities for backcountry hiking, most ideally during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

The Central and southern parts of the Guadalupe Mountains are accessible by Highway 137, which intersects US 285 10 miles northwest of Carlsbad and 23 miles south of Artesia. About 3 miles southwest of Forest Road 540, Forest Road 67 intersects Highway 137 on the northwest side of the road. This road heads northwest and goes along "The Rim of the Guadalupe Mountains" and forms the eastern boundary of the Pup Canyon unit.

Agency Point of Contact:

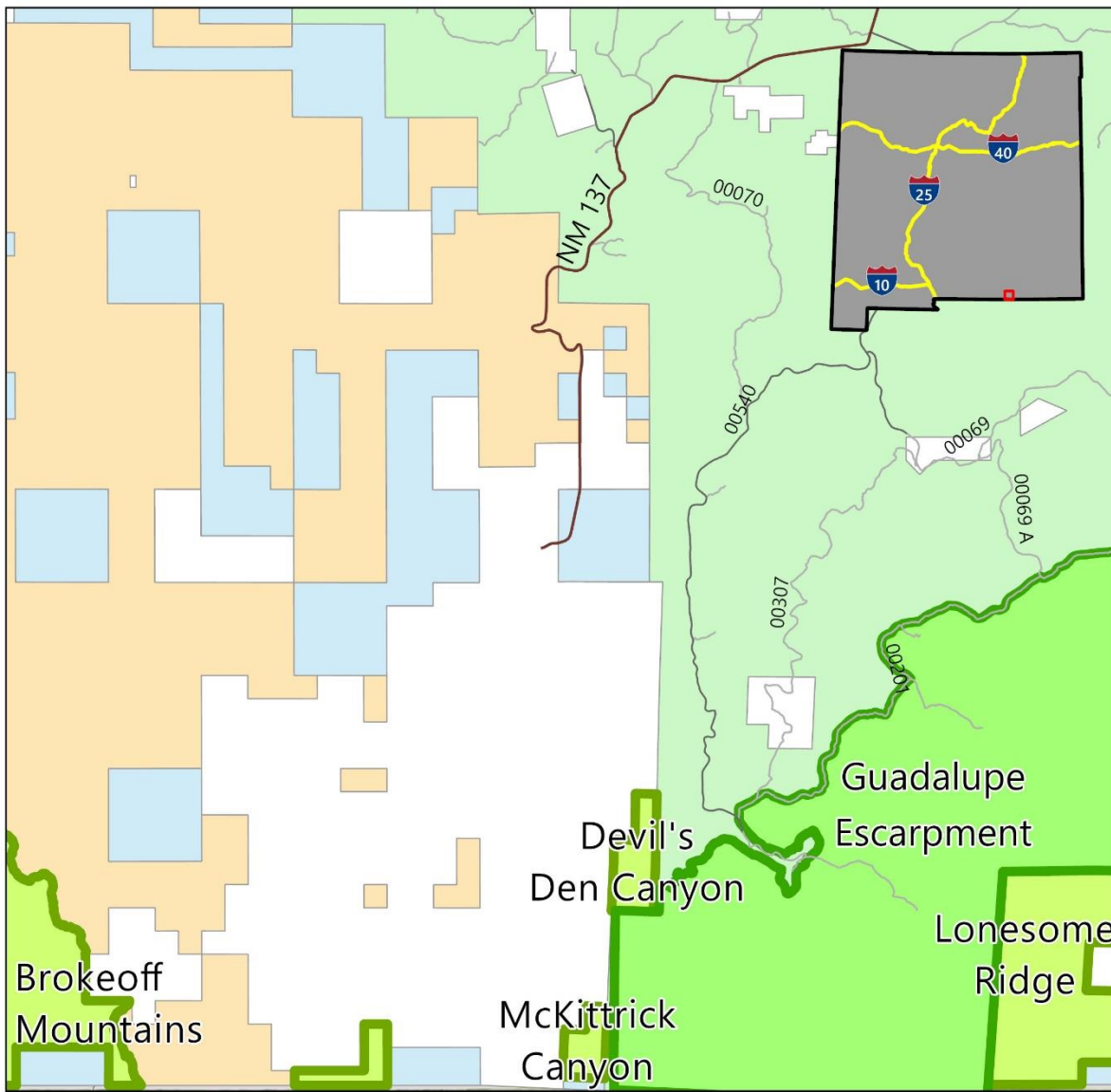
Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office
575-234-5972

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/devils-den-canyon-wsa>

Inventory Reference:

Wild Guide Reference: p. 245

Devils Den Canyon WSA



- Roads
 - 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - USFS Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Devils Reach

Description:

This WSA is west of the Devil's Backbone WSA. It is a rugged terrain, primarily covered in grass.

Access Point:

This WSA can be reached from the north by cross country hiking or horseback riding through the Cibola National Forest.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office

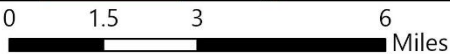
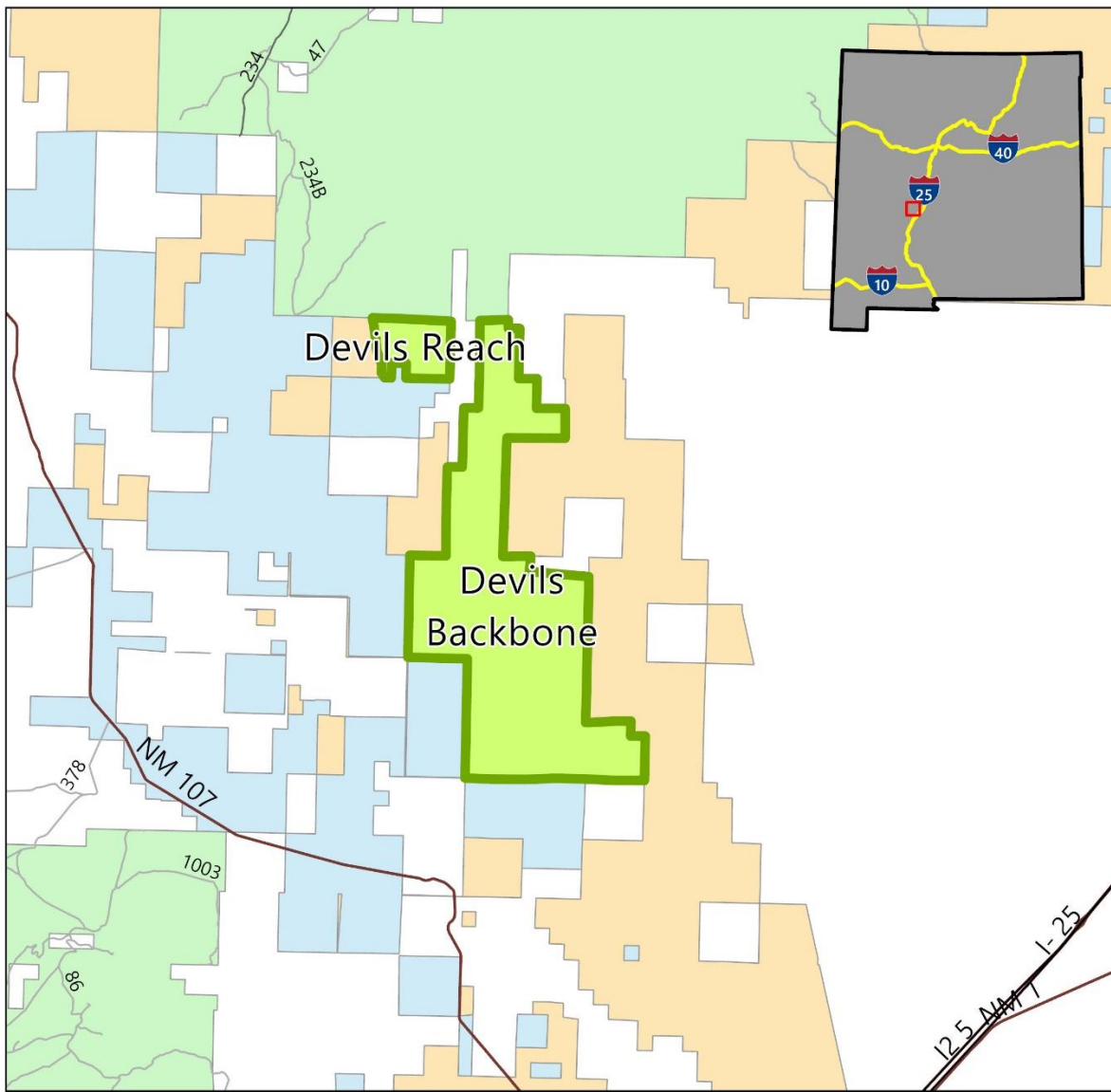
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/devils-reach-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Devils Reach WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Eagle Peak

Description:

43,960 acres west of Quemado at an elevation of 6,400-7,679 ft. This area has limited hiking options, but is most accessible during the spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From Highway 60, drive approximately 20 miles west of Quemado to County Road A7/McKinley Ranch Road. Highway road signs at the intersection indicate a road to the town of Luna (County Road B7) to the south. Turn north (right) on County Road A7/McKinley Ranch Road which is immediately opposite the road to Luna and drive north for approximately 2.8 miles. From this point, the WSA will be on your right for approximately 1.2 miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office

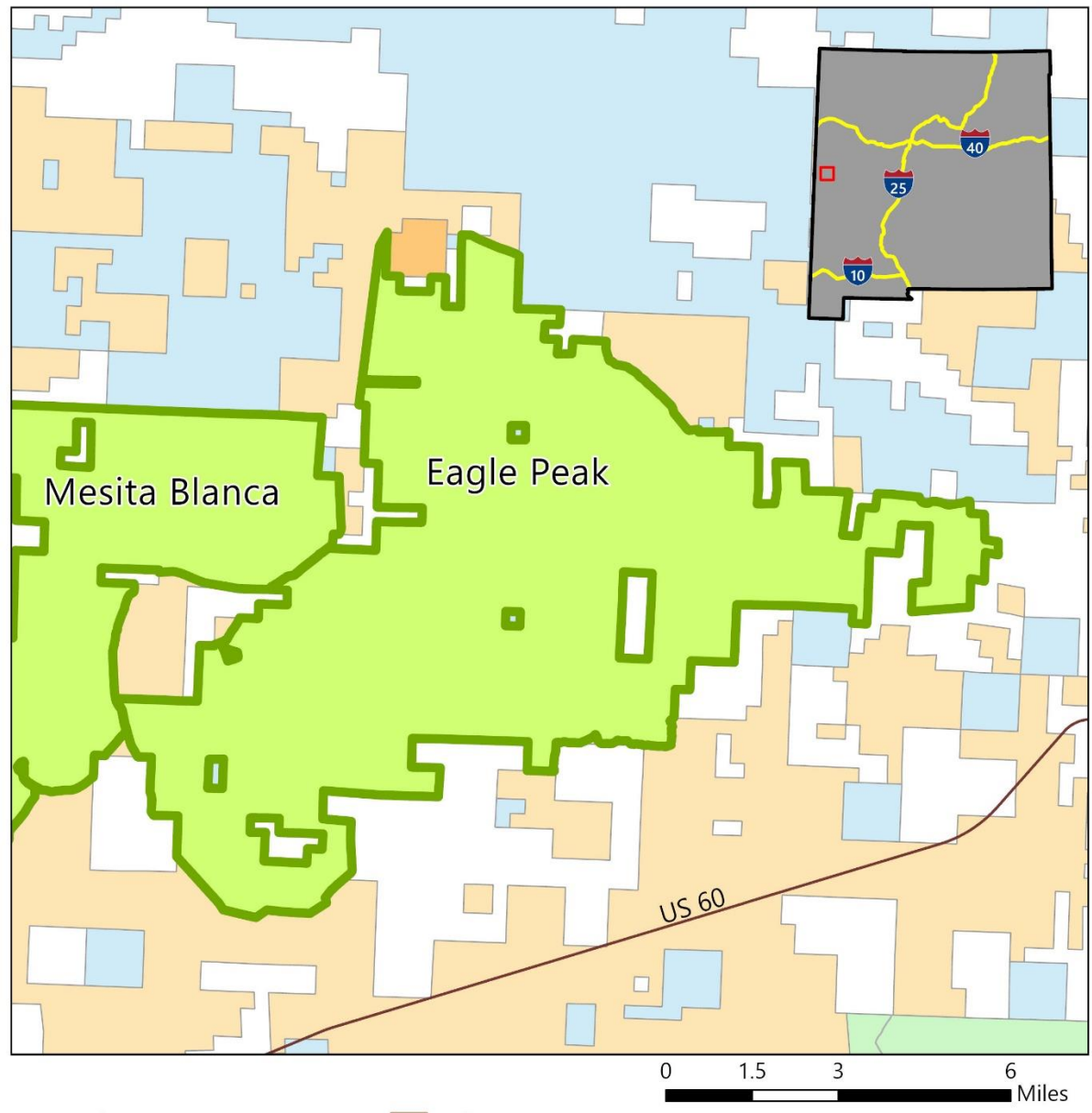
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/eagle-peak-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 3-14) referred to as Cerro Pomo WSA

Wild Guide Reference: p. 138

Eagle Peak WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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El Malpaís

Description:

This area contains several pieces of land under consideration for Wilderness designation. The area is home to jagged basalt, pinon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pines. The hiking opportunities in this area are unknown.

Access Point:

From I-40, turn south on Highway 53 (Exit 81) at the west end of Grants. Park at the National Park Service's Zuni Acoma Trail trailhead adjacent to and on the south side of Highway 53, about 16 miles south of Interstate 40. Hike approximately 1.5 miles south to the intersection with the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Taking the right fork, continue hiking south a short distance, then follow the trail west about a mile to a fence crossing. The El Malpais WSA is on the other side of the fence.

Agency Point of Contact:

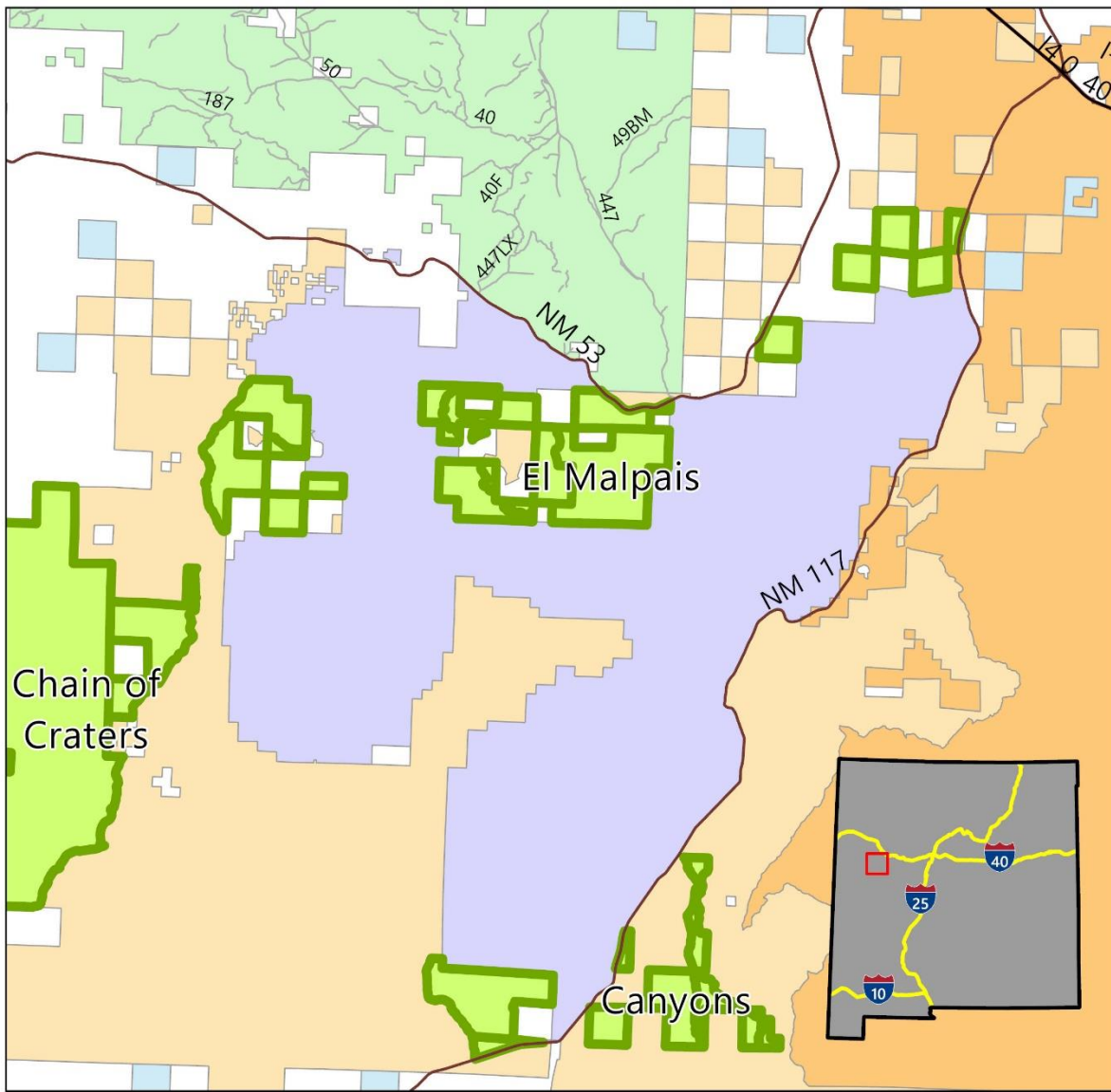
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/el-malpais-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 15-25)

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

El Malpais WSA



- Roads
 - NM Interstates
 - 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - Indigenous
 - NPS
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024

0 2.25 4.5 9 Miles



Gila Lower Box

Description:

8,500 acres 5 miles from the Gila River at an elevation of 3,700-4,300 ft. old ranch and mine roads supplement the lack of marked trails in this area, which is most accessible in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From US 70, 3.5 miles northwest of Lordsburg, NM, turn north on NM 464. Travel just over 14 miles on 464 and turn west on a bladed county road/Fuller Road. From this road, there are three access points turning north at 3.5, 5, and 8 miles from the road. At 3.5 miles on Fuller Road, turn north onto Nichols Canyon Road and drive about 3.6 miles and veer right to continue on Nichols Canyon Road another 1 mile. Hike to the southwest; the WSA is past the gaging station. The other two access points end at trails that can be hiked to the river.

Agency Point of Contact:

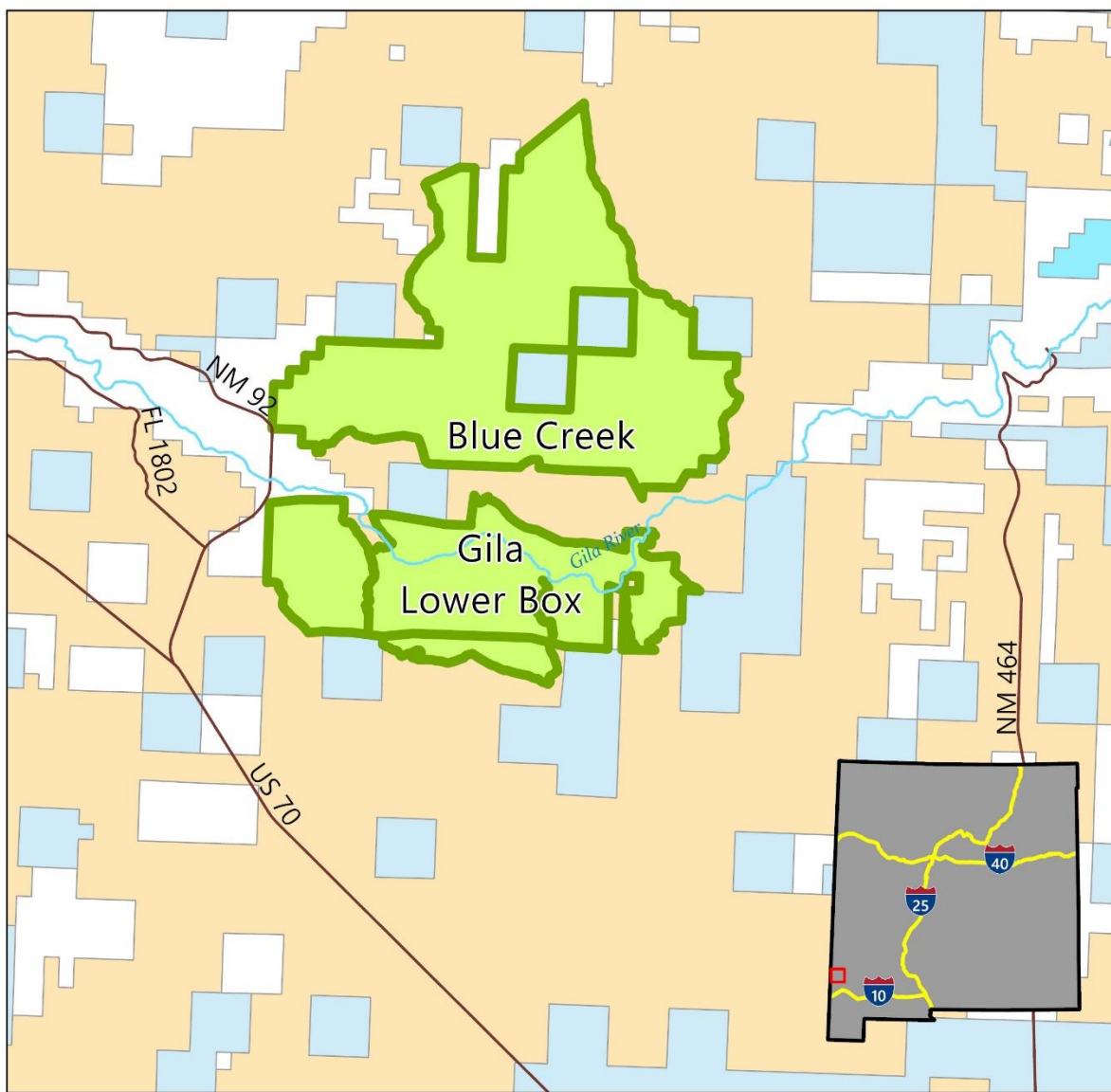
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/gila-lower-box-wilderness-study-area>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 18)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 168

Gila Lower Box WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Horse Mountain

Description:

5,000 acres near New Horse Springs at an elevation of 7,500-9,500 ft. This area has no designated trails but could be ideal for those seeking solitude. It is most accessible during the spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From Datil, NM, drive NM Highway 12 southwest for about 25.5 miles. Past mile marker 49, turn north onto Horse Springs Road (unmarked gravel), just before a ranch house. Drive 4.2 miles and turn on a dirt road to the right. Pass through the gate and drive 0.8 miles to a parking area (this road requires high clearance). From the parking area, a trail can be hiked or ridden on horseback to Nance Canyon.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/horse-mountain-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 178

Horse Mountain WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers



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Hoverrocker

Description:

This WSA is 22 acres bordering Arizona. It contains a few maintained hiking trails but may offer some opportunities for cross country hiking.

Access Point:

Access to Hoverrocker is cross country hiking from U.S. Forest Service lands in New Mexico or BLM lands in Arizona.

Agency Point of Contact:

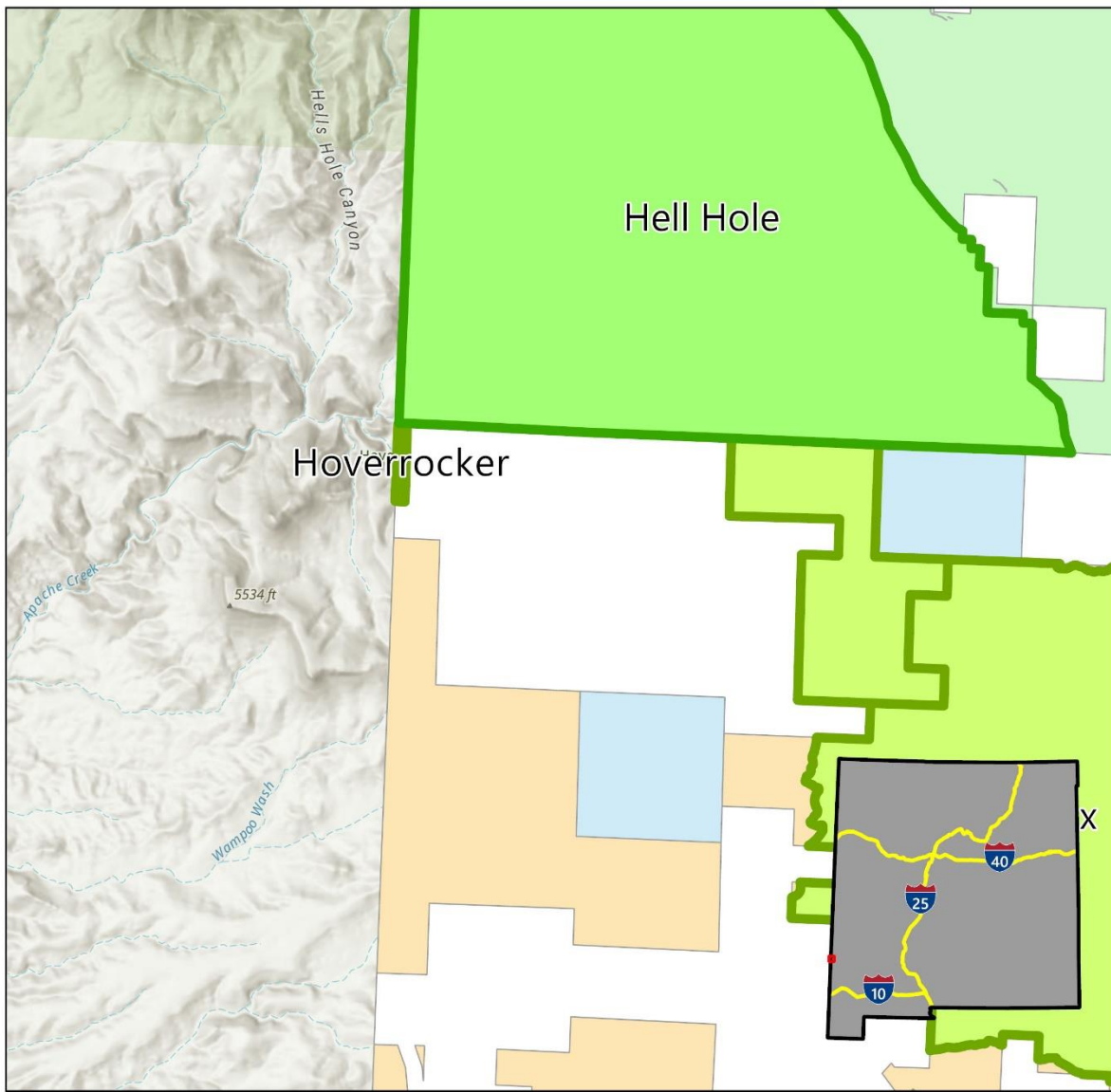
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/hoverrocker-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Hoverrocker WSA



0 0.5 1 2 Miles

- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Little Black Peak

Description:

Little Black Peak and Carrizozo Lava Flow combined are 26,000 acres 4 miles west of Carrizozo at an elevation of 4,000-5,500 ft. Though difficult to access and hike, this area is home to a unique ecosystem.

Access Point:

Access is from Highway 380, 4.5 miles west of Carrizozo. There are several pullouts on U.S. 380 from which you may hike northeast onto the lava flow.

Agency Point of Contact:

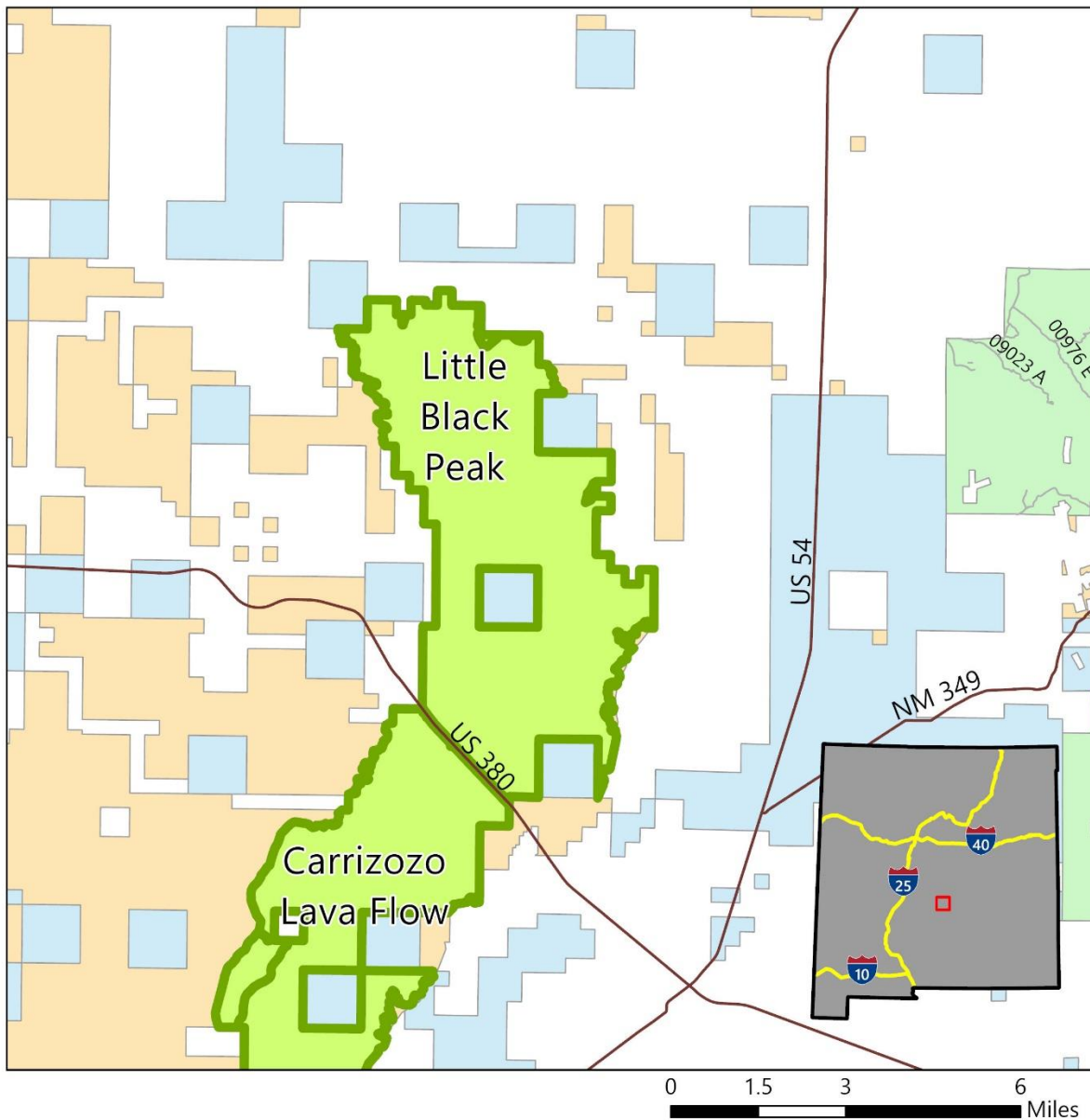
Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office
575-627-0272

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/little-black-peak-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Carrizozo Lava Flow.pdf (p. 108-111)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 190

Little Black Peak WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Lonesome Ridge

Description:

The Devil's Den, McKittrick Canyon, Lonesome Ridge, Mudgetts and Forest Service run Guadalupe Escarpment combine to form the 30,000-acre Guadalupe Mountain Wilderness Study Area Complex, located west and southwest of Carlsbad. At an elevation of 3,500-7,500 ft, this WSA offers great opportunities for backcountry hiking, most ideally during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

From U.S. Highway 285, take NM 137/Queens Hwy (12 miles northwest of Carlsbad, 23.5 miles south of Artesia) southwest approximately 36 miles to Queen, NM. Continue about 3 miles past Queen and turn left, heading southeast on Forest Road 540 (County Road 412/Guadalupe Ridge Road), and drive for about 5 mile, and veer right to continue on Forest Rd 540 for 3 miles. Turn left on Forest Road 69 (Klondike Gap Road), drive for 2 miles, and turn right on Forest Road 69A, just after Road 69 starts heading northwest; continue another 2 miles to the Dark Canyon Lookout. Turn right (southwest) on Forest Road 201 (4-wheel drive required at this point). Drive or hike for just over 2 miles southeast to Forest Road 3010 and turn left. Drive approximately 1 mile on Road 3010 to where the Lonesome Ridge Trail begins (this is National Forest land). Hike on the trail for approximately 2 miles to the northern border of the WSA. The trail becomes the Golden Stairway Trail on BLM land and continues another 2 miles through the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

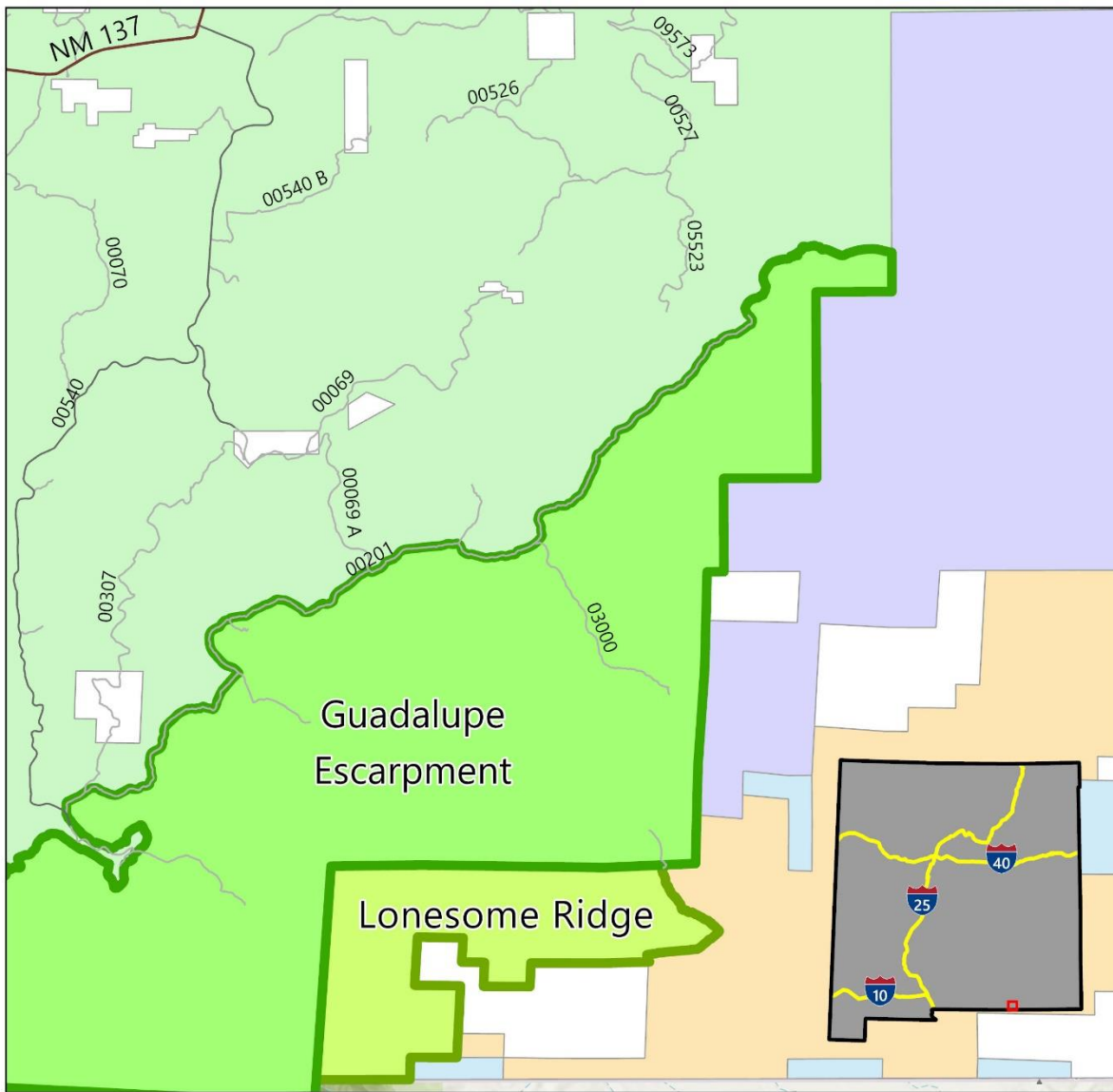
Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office
575-234-5972

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/lonesome-ridge-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 245

Lonesome Ridge WSA



- Roads
- 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- NPS
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles



Manzano

Description:

This area is under consideration for addition to the Manzano Wilderness, outside of Albuquerque.

Access Point:

Access to the WSA is a cross-country hike through the adjoining Manzano Wilderness managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Agency Point of Contact:

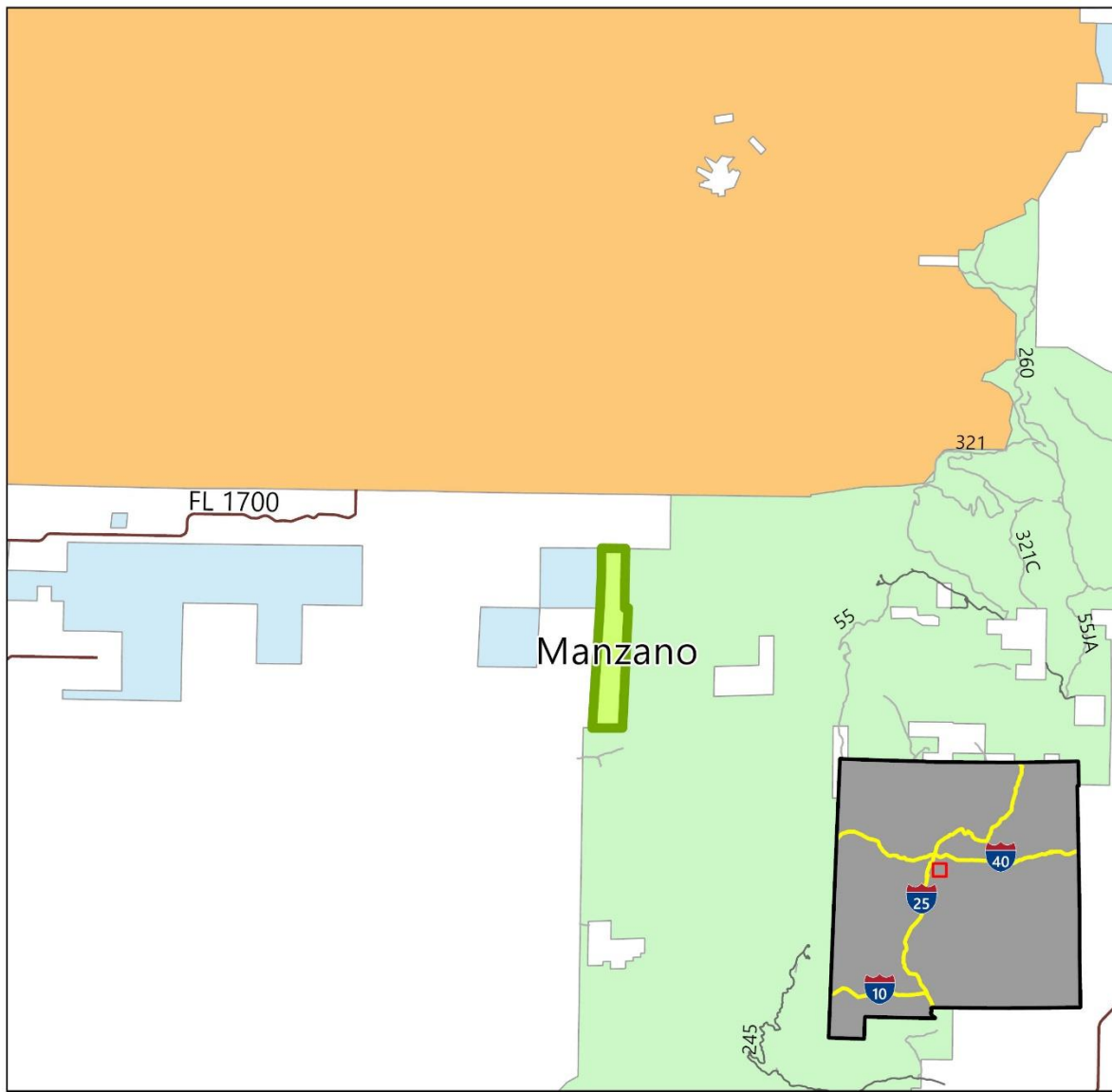
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/manzano-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Central Highlands_2018.pdf (p. 1-5)

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Manzano WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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0 1.5 3 6 Miles



Mathers

Description:

Located 40 miles east of Roswell, this area is on the end of the Great Plains. Hiking opportunities in this area are unknown, but this WSA does provide habitat for dunes sagebrush lizards and lesser prairie chicken.

Access Point:

From Roswell, travel east on US 380, about 41 miles to a highway rest stop (about 31 miles west of Tatum). Opposite the rest stop on the north side of the highway is a caliche surface road (Mathers Road). Travel north on that road about four miles to the edge of the WSA on the west side of the road. Look for a monument indicating the Mathers National Natural Landmark.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office

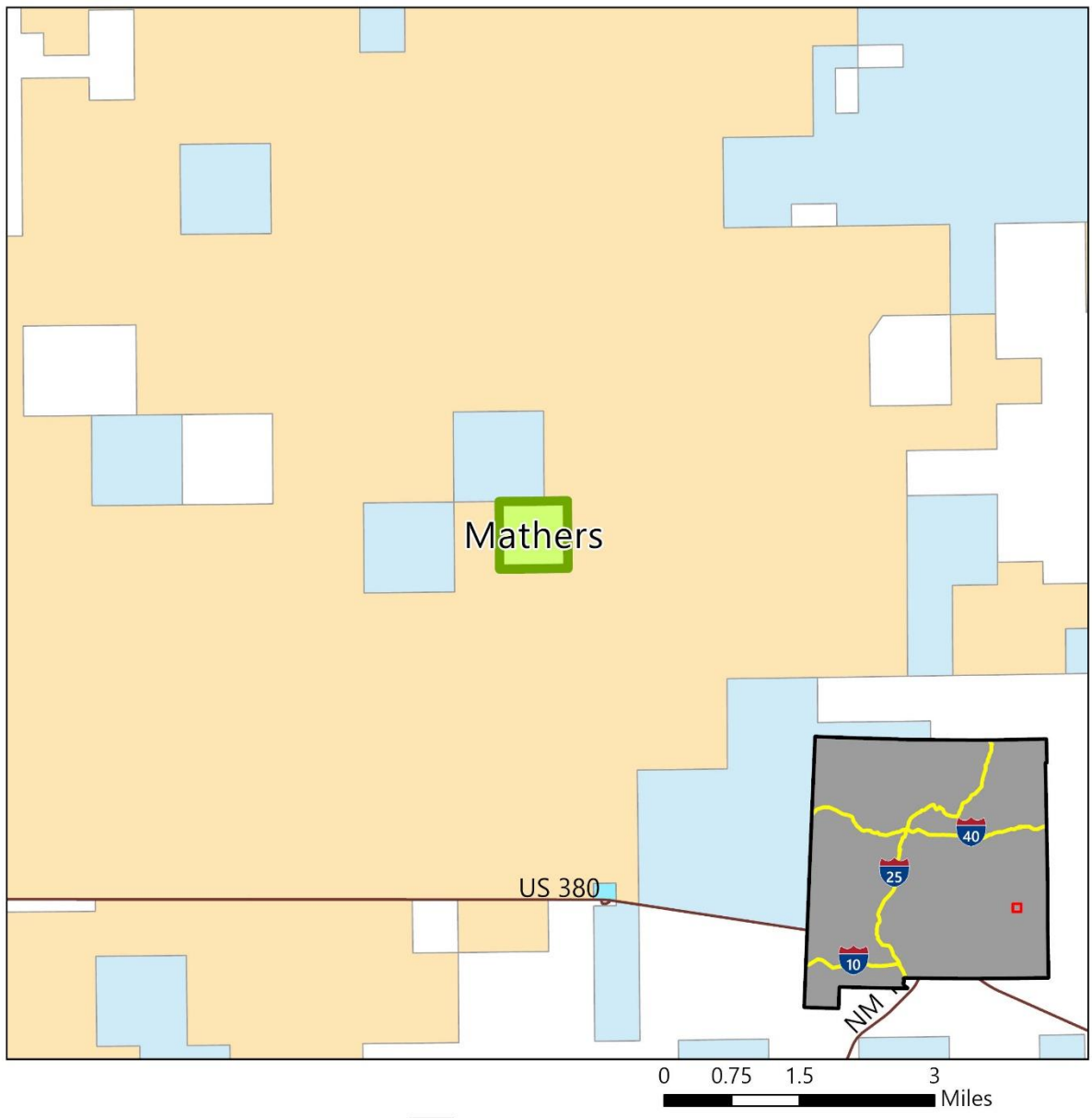
575-627-0272

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/mathers-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Mathers WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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McKittrick Canyon

Description:

The Devil's Den, McKittrick Canyon, Lonesome Ridge, Mudgetts and Forest Service run Guadalupe Escarpment combine to form the 30,000-acre Guadalupe Mountain Wilderness Study Area Complex, located west and southwest of Carlsbad. At an elevation of 3,500-7,500 ft, this WSA offers great opportunities for backcountry hiking, most ideally during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

From US 285 northwest of Carlsbad, take Highway 137 to the Dog Canyon Campground in Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office
575-234-5972

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/mckittrick-canyon-wsa>

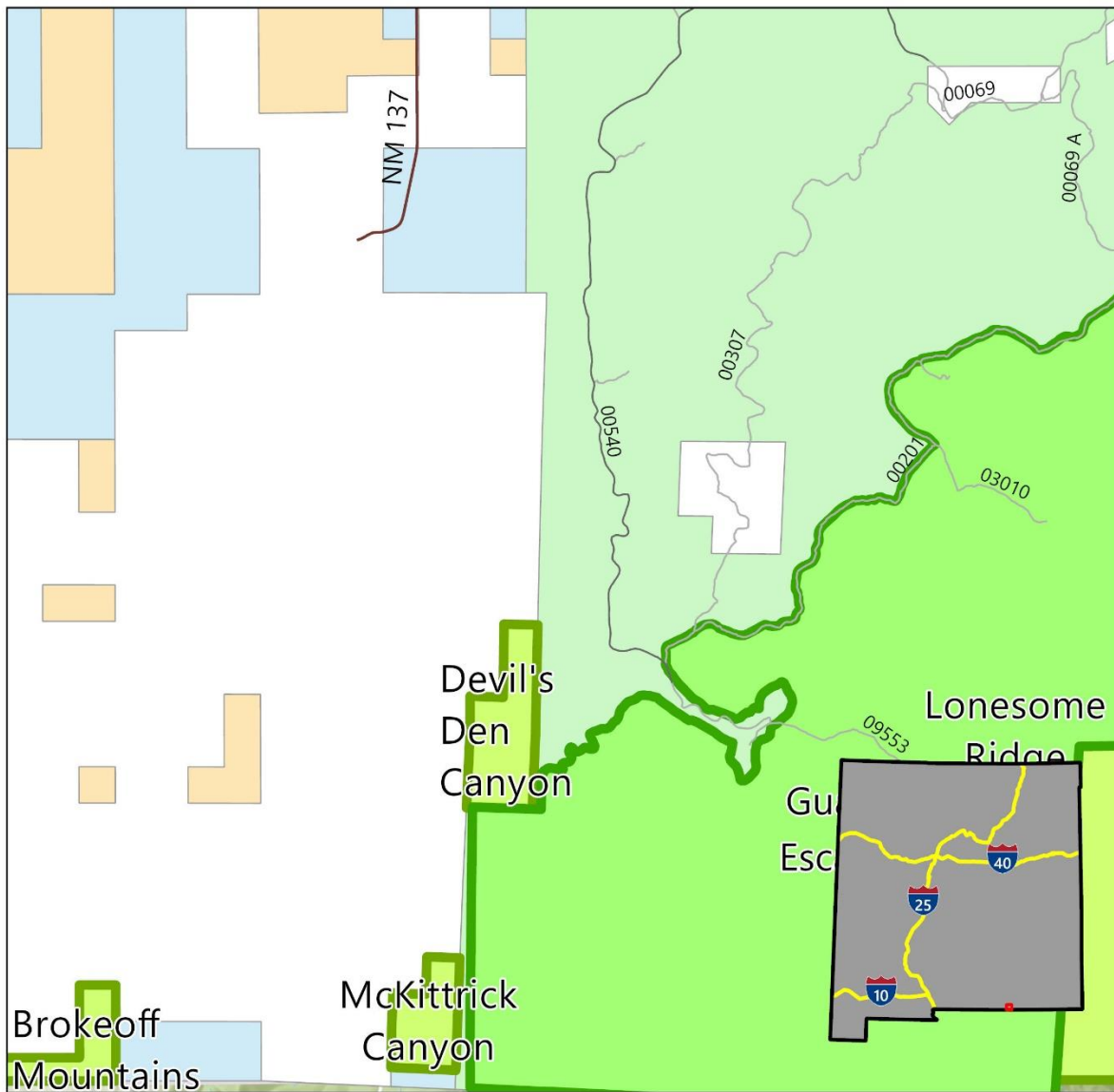
Hikes:

[Dog Canyon Campgrounds Trail](#), .7 miles

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 245

McKittrick Canyon WSA



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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| — Roads | ■ BLM |
| — 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES | ■ Forest Service |
| — 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS | ■ Private |
| ■ USFS Wilderness Study Area | ■ State |
| ■ BLM Wilderness Study Area | — Major Rivers |

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Mesita Blanca

Description:

19,414 acres west of Quemado at an elevation of 6,400-7,679 ft. This area has limited hiking options, and is most accessible during the spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From Highway 60, drive approximately 20 miles west of Quemado to County Road A7/McKinley Ranch Road. Highway road signs at the intersection indicate a road to the town of Luna (County Road B7) to the south. Turn north (right) on County Road A7/McKinley Ranch Road which is immediately opposite the road to Luna and drive north for approximately 6.5 miles. From this point, the WSA's eastern edge will be on your left for approximately 7.5 miles (the road twice passes through private property with ranch houses, please do not trespass on private property).

Agency Point of Contact:

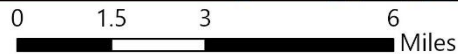
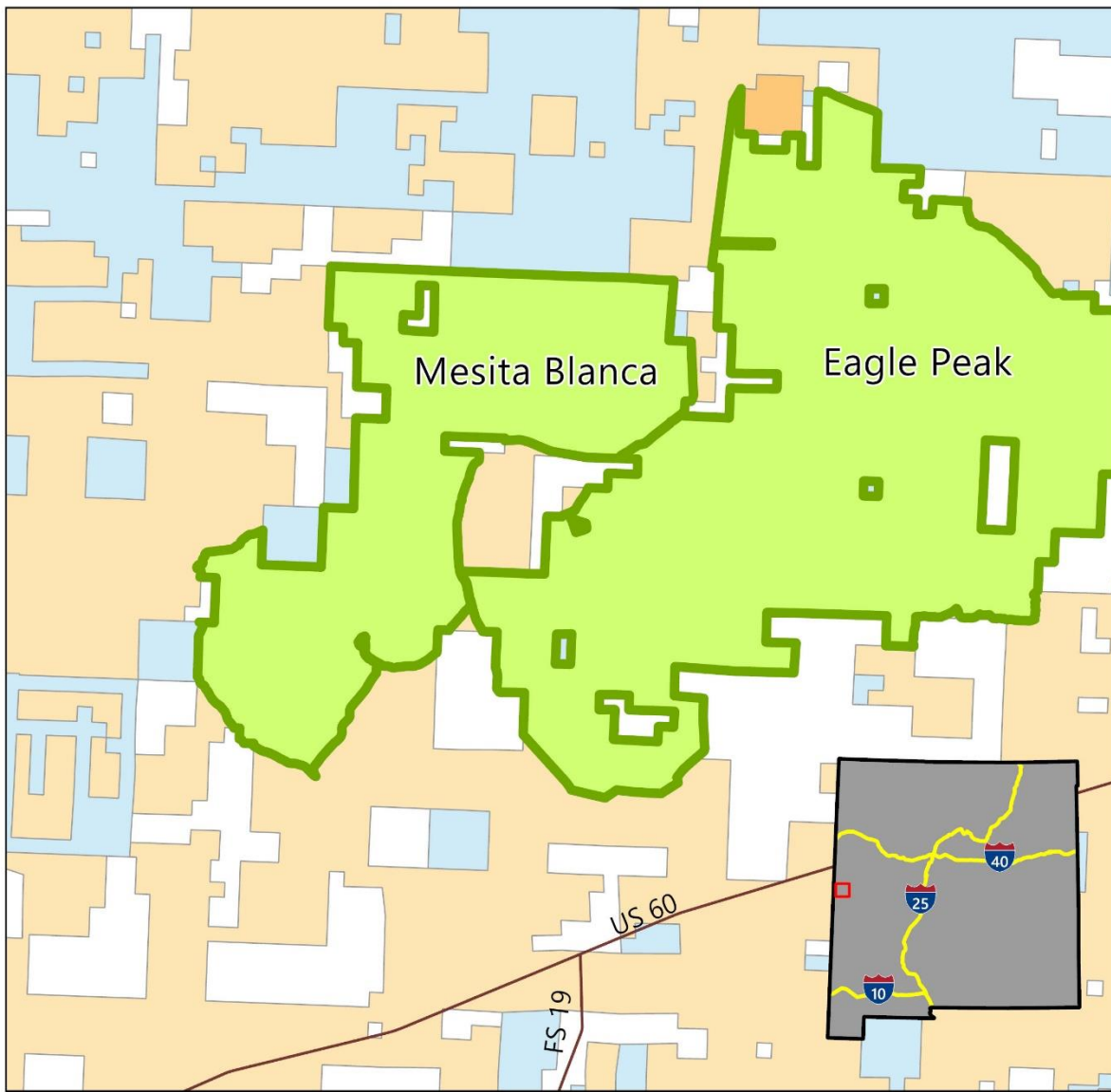
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/mesita-blanca-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 3-14) referred to as Cerro Pomo WSA

Wild Guide Reference: p. 138

Mesita Blanca WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Mudgetts

Description:

The Devil's Den, McKittrick Canyon, Lonesome Ridge, Mudgetts and Forest Service run Guadalupe Escarpment combine to form the 30,000-acre Guadalupe Mountain Wilderness Study Area Complex, located west and southwest of Carlsbad. At an elevation of 3,500-7,500 ft, this WSA offers great opportunities for backcountry hiking, most ideally during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

From US Hwy 62/180, 10 miles southwest of Carlsbad, NM, turn west on County Road 408/ Dark Canyon Rd. Drive just over 12 miles on CR 408 and turn south on an unmarked/unnamed road. Drive generally in a south direction on this road, passing numerous well pads, for nearly 5 miles. Pass the last well pad and park at the south end of it; the WSA is on the west side of the road. The road continues for another mile or so but is a rough four-wheel drive route. This road forms the eastern border of the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

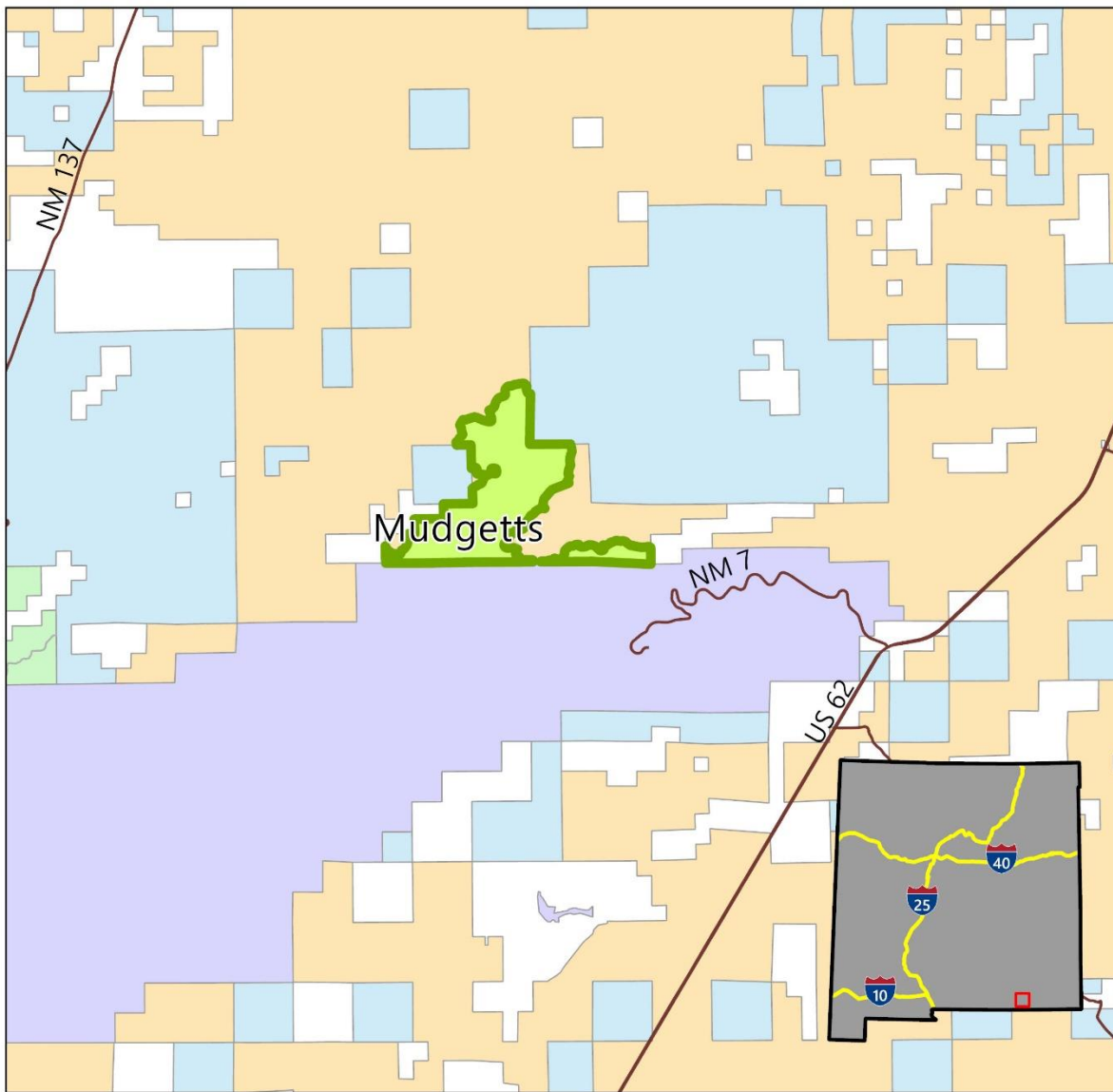
Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office
575-234-5972

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/mudgetts-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 245

Mudgetts WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- NPS
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Ojito

Description:

This WSA is under consideration for addition to the Ojito Wilderness and is located outside Albuquerque. Hiking conditions in this area are unknown.

Access Point:

For access into Ojito Wilderness, which is adjacent to the Ojito WSA, travel northwest toward Cuba on US 550 from Bernalillo. The drive is approximately 20 miles. Before San Ysidro (about two miles), turn left onto Cabezon Road (County Road 906). Follow the left fork.

Agency Point of Contact:

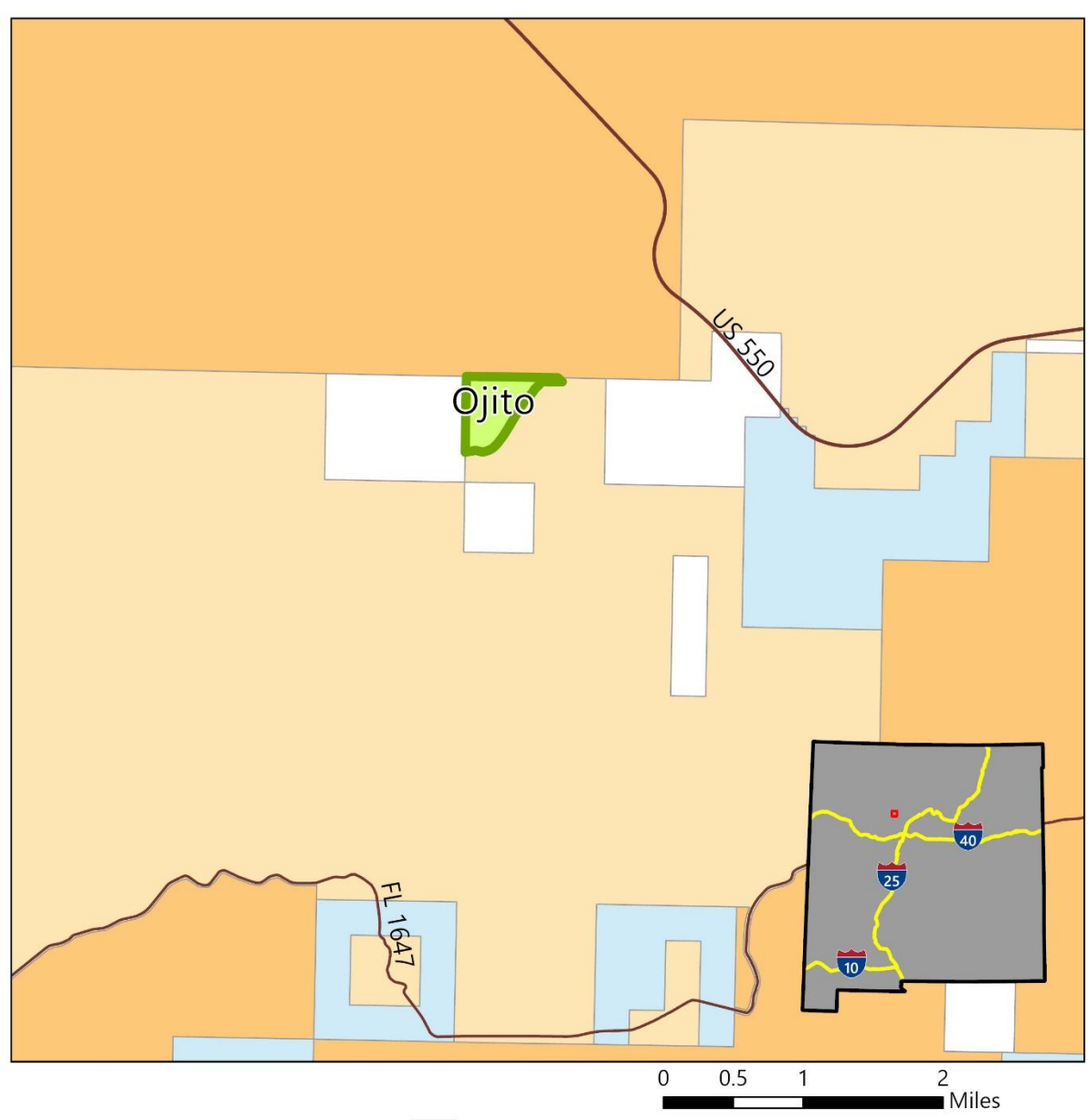
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/ojito-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-42, 52-52)

Wild Guide Reference: unavailable

Ojito WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Petaca Pinta

Description:

12,000 acres located 20 miles south of Laguna Pueblo and at an elevation of 6,000-7,000 ft. Though there are limited trails, cross-country hiking is easily accessible in the spring and fall.

Access Point:

From Interstate 40 west of Albuquerque, take Highway 6 southeast for almost 2 miles. From here you will need to follow a current map, such as the USGS 1:100K. Access might be complicated by Acoma Pueblo land along the route.

Agency Point of Contact:

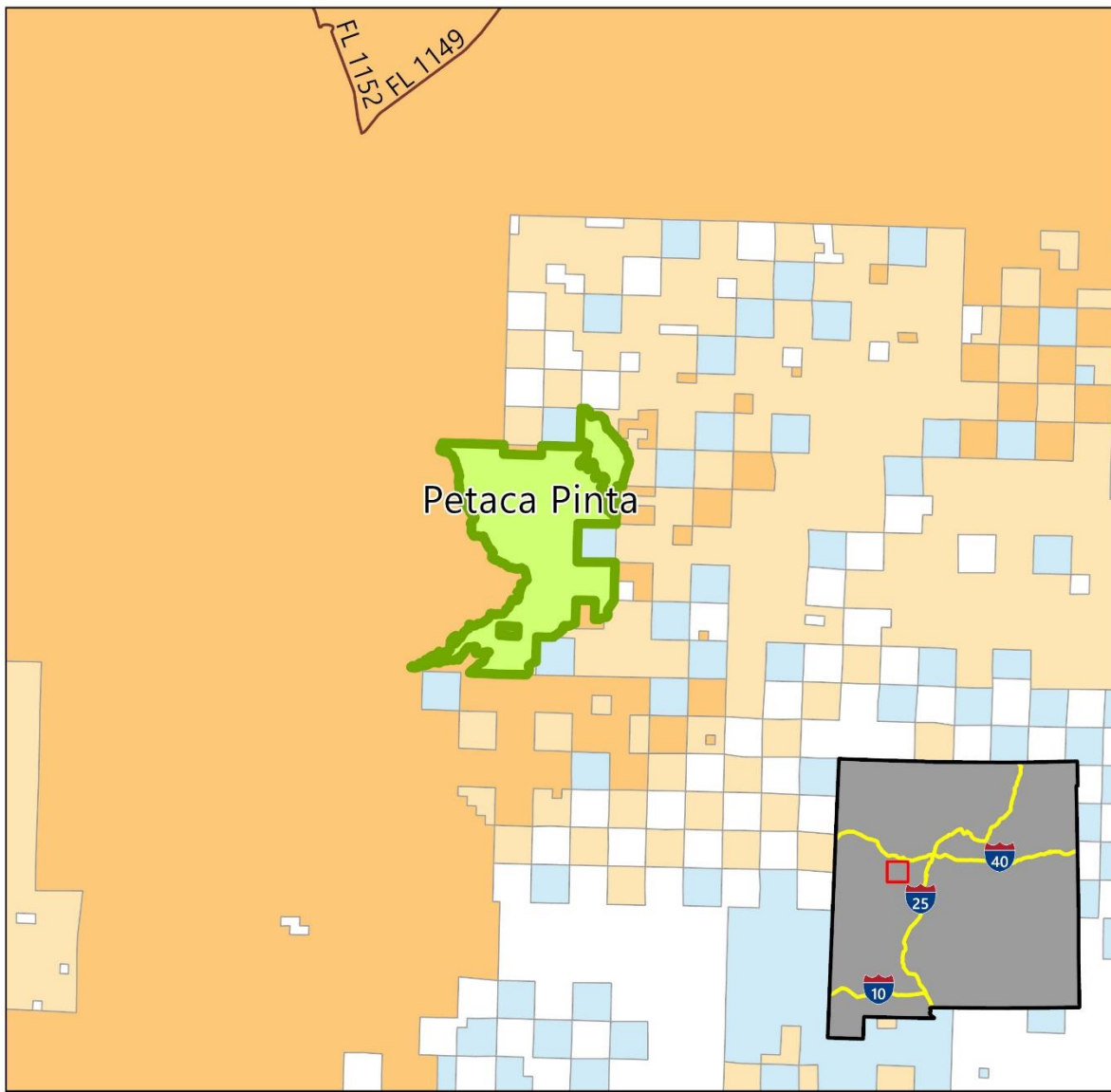
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/petaca-pinta-ws>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 26-34) referred to as Cerro Pomo WSA

Wild Guide Reference: p. 140

Petaca Pinta WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Rio Chama

Description:

13,000-acres south of El Vado Reservoir at an elevation of 6,530-7,530 ft. With few hiking trails, the Rio Chama is most accessible by boat during the spring, summer and fall

Access Point:

From Highway 84, about 31 miles north of Abiquiu, turn west on NM 221 in the town of Cebolla. When the pavement ends at a T intersection, turn right on County Road 303 and drive for just over 8 miles, where the road becomes the boundary of the WSA on the left side of the road. The WSA can also be reached by rafting the Rio Chama.

Agency Point of Contact:

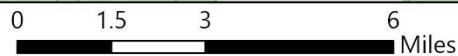
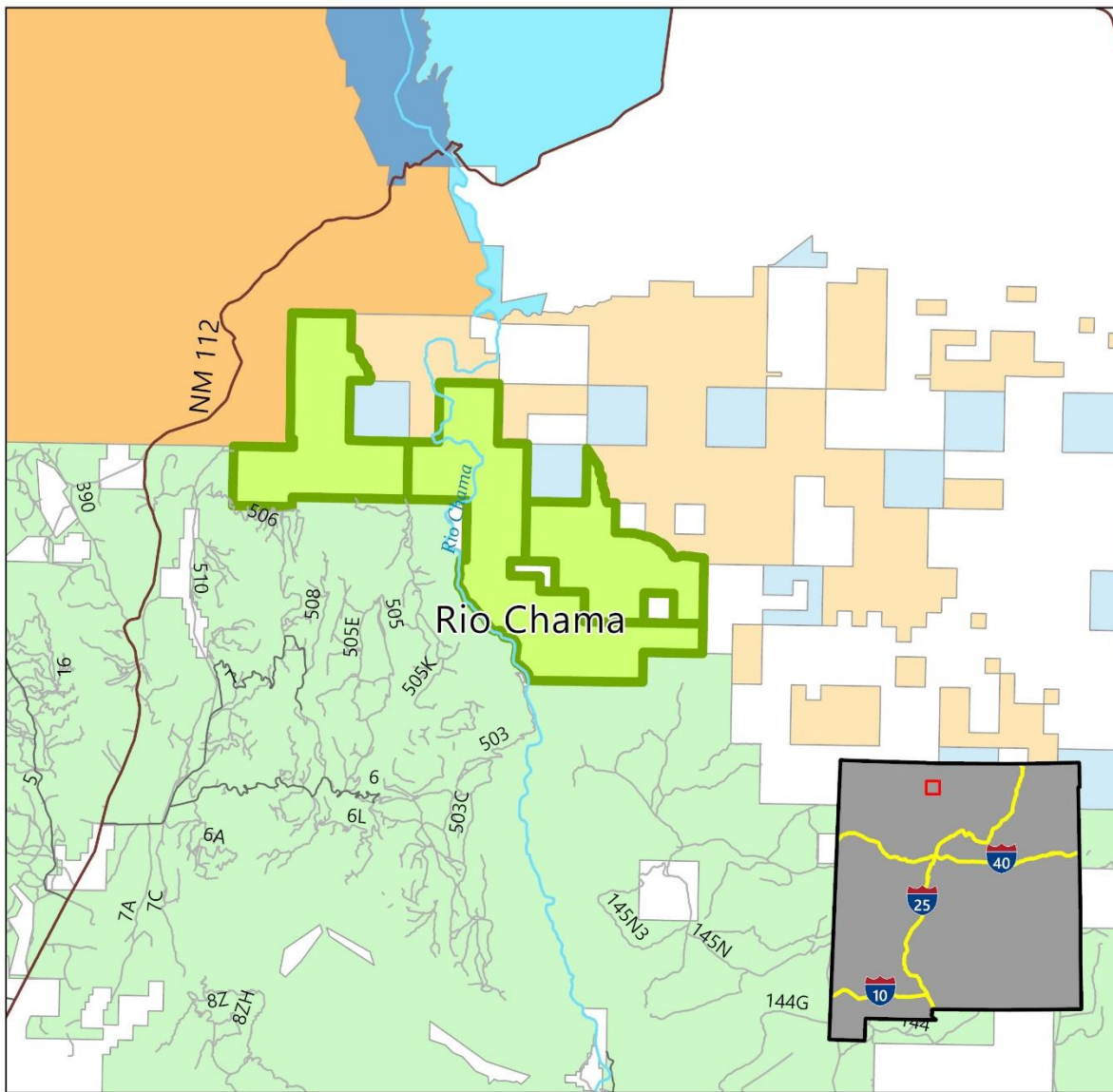
Bureau of Land Management, Taos Field Office
575-758-8851

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/rio-chama-wilderness-study-area>

Inventory Reference: RioChama.pdf (p.1-4)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 77

Rio Chama WSA



- Roads
- 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- 7/9/2024
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- SP
- Major Rivers



West Potrillo Mountains

Description:

The Potrillo Mountains Unit is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Las Cruces. The mountains exhibit prime examples of Chihuahuan Desert vegetation as well as a remarkable volcanic field made up of cinder cones, maar craters, lava flows, and the inactive shield volcano of Aden Crater. Its oldest maar crater is thought to be the mile-wide Kilbourne Hole, at more than 80,000 years old.

Wilderness Areas: Aden Lava Flow Wilderness (pg. 206), Cinder Cone Wilderness (pg. 208), East Potrillo Mountains Wilderness (pg. 209), Mount Riley Wilderness (pg. 210), Potrillo Mountains Wilderness (pg. 214), and Whitehorn Wilderness (pg. 219).

Access Point:

This area is accessible along County Road B004. More information is needed.

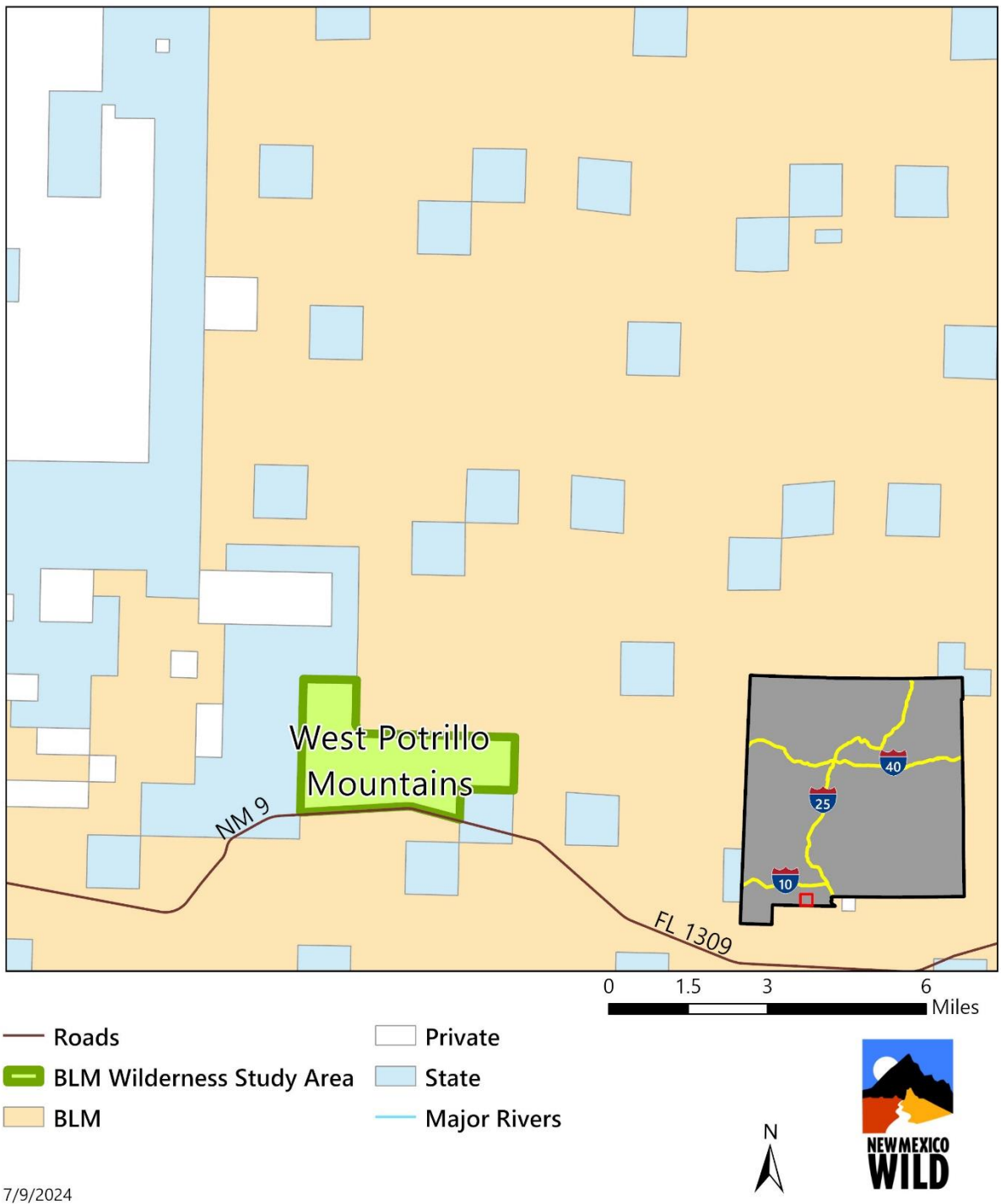
Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300, <https://www.blm.gov/visit/omdp>

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 3-17)

Wild Guide Reference: pg. 202-219

West Potrillo Mountains WSA



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Cabazon Country Complex

Cabazon

Description:

8,000 acres located northwest of Albuquerque, at an elevation of 6,000-7,800 ft. This area is most accessible during the spring and fall and best suited for cross-country hiking along the open terrain.

Access Point:

Entry into the area is best gained by turning westward from US 550 onto County Road 279 approximately 20 miles northwest of San Ysidro. A green highway sign (labeled "San Luis, Cabazon") marks the turnoff. Continue 12 miles (south-west past the village of San Luis) to the Cabazon turn-off onto BLM Road 1114. The pavement ends just beyond San Luis. At the intersection of CR 279 and BLM Road 1114, you will pass by the ghost town of Cabazon. Follow BLM Road 1114 for 2.9 miles to the dirt route that leads east to the trailhead. Travel on CR 279 and BLM Road 114 is good during dry conditions. During the rainy season, normally in spring and late summer, the roads can get slippery and rutted. During winter, the area can be unreachable.

Agency Point of Contact:

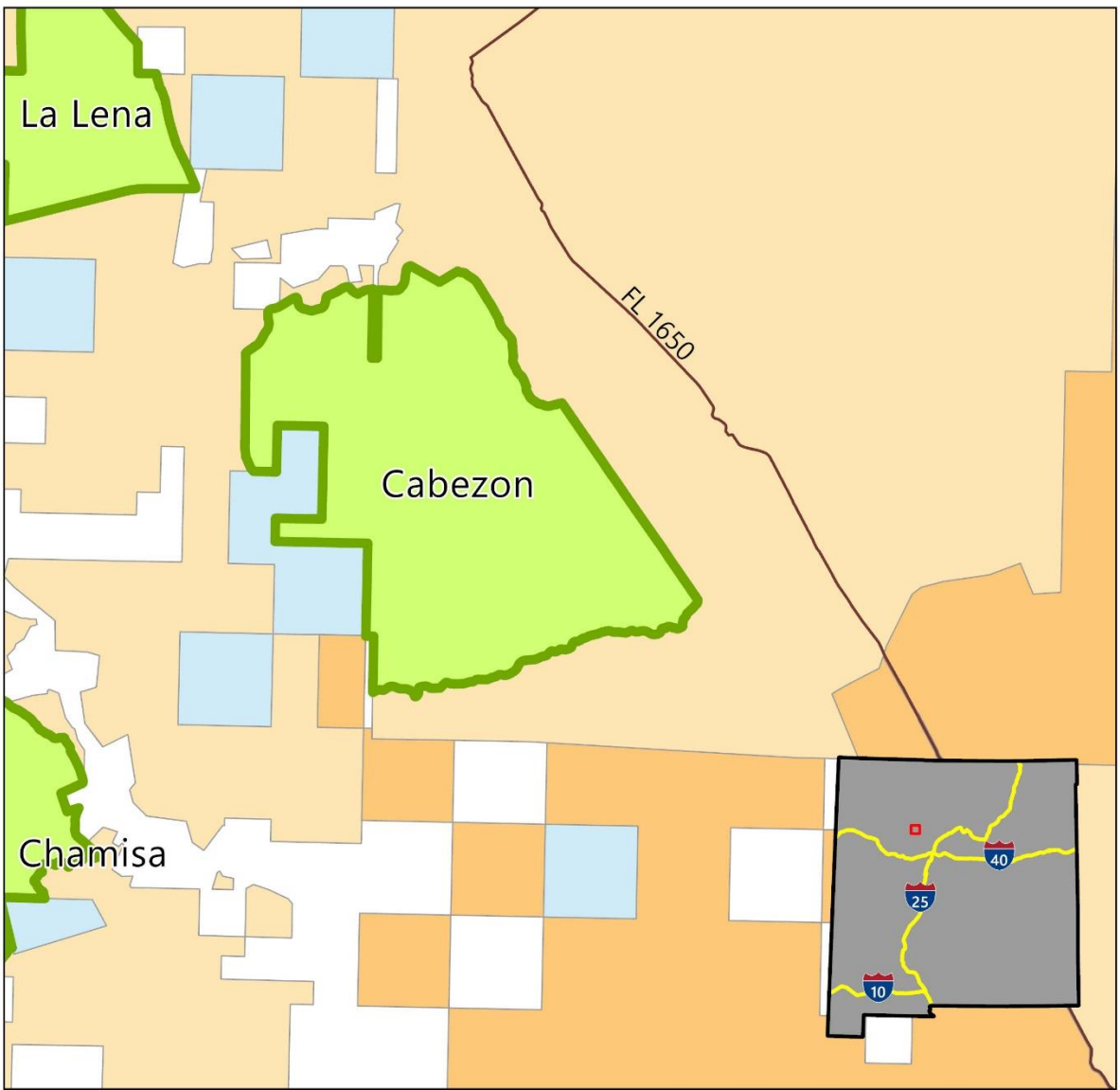
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/cabazon-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-43)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 90

Cabezon WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Chamisa

Description:

The Ignacio Chavez, Chamisa, Empedrado, and La Lena WSAs combine to form the Rio Puerco WSA Complex, totaling 66,000 acres northwest of Albuquerque and at an elevation of 5,600-7,500 ft. These areas have no trails but do offer a network of old roads and cattle trails best suited for use during spring and fall.

Access Point:

From Highway 550, approximately 18 miles north of San Ysidro, turn west on County Road 279. At 8.5 miles, County Road 279 turns to dirt as it passes through the village of San Luis. At approximately 22.5 miles from Highway 550, turn southwest on BLM road 1103, which begins to climb up onto the mesa. A gate is located just below the top of the mesa. This gate is locked during wet times of year. Park at the gate or just beyond the gate at the top of the mesa and hike southeast into the WSA.

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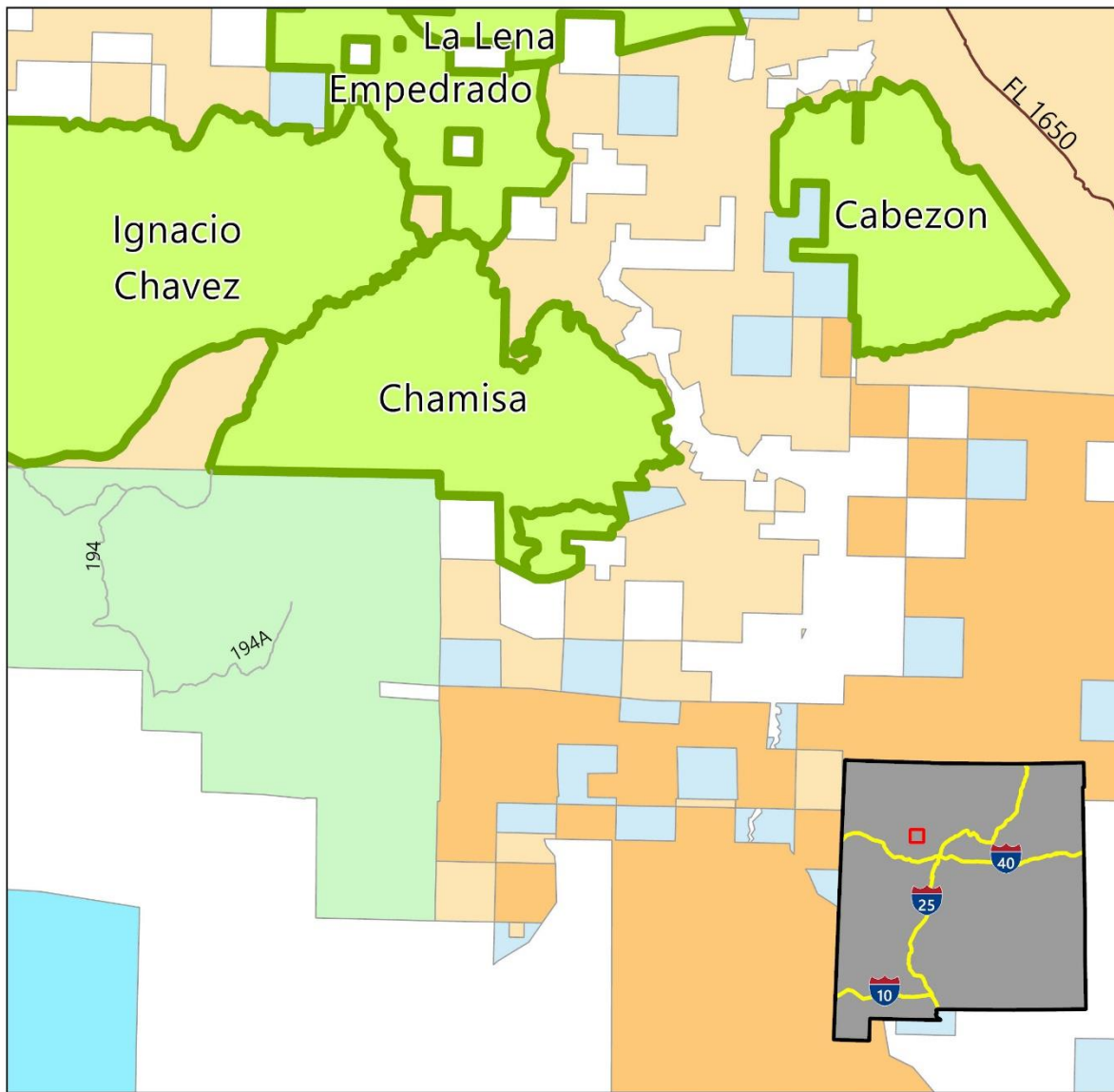
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505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/chamisa-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-42, 50)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 107

Chamisa WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Empedrado

Description:

The Ignacio Chavez, Chamisa, Empedrado, and La Lena WSAs combine to form the Rio Puerco WSA Complex, totaling 66,000 acres northwest of Albuquerque and at an elevation of 5,600-7,500 ft. These areas have no trails but do offer a network of old roads and cattle trails best suited for use during spring and fall.

Access Point:

From San Ysidro, NM, drive US 550 about 18 miles north to the junction with NM 279. A green highway sign labeled, "San Luis-Cabezon" marks NM 279. Drive west on 279, a paved road, through the small village of San Luis, after which the road turns to gravel and dirt. Travel on this dirt road approximately 13 miles, crossing the bridge over the Chico Arroyo, until the road splits – NM 279 continues south to Guadalupe and BLM Road 1103 begins here and continues to the right. Travel on 1103 about one mile to CR 25 which splits to the right. Travel about 1 mile on CR 25 to where the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) enters the WSA on the northeast side of the road. Though there is no trailhead, you will see trail signs with the CDT emblem. The trail is marked by cairns; there is no trail tread.

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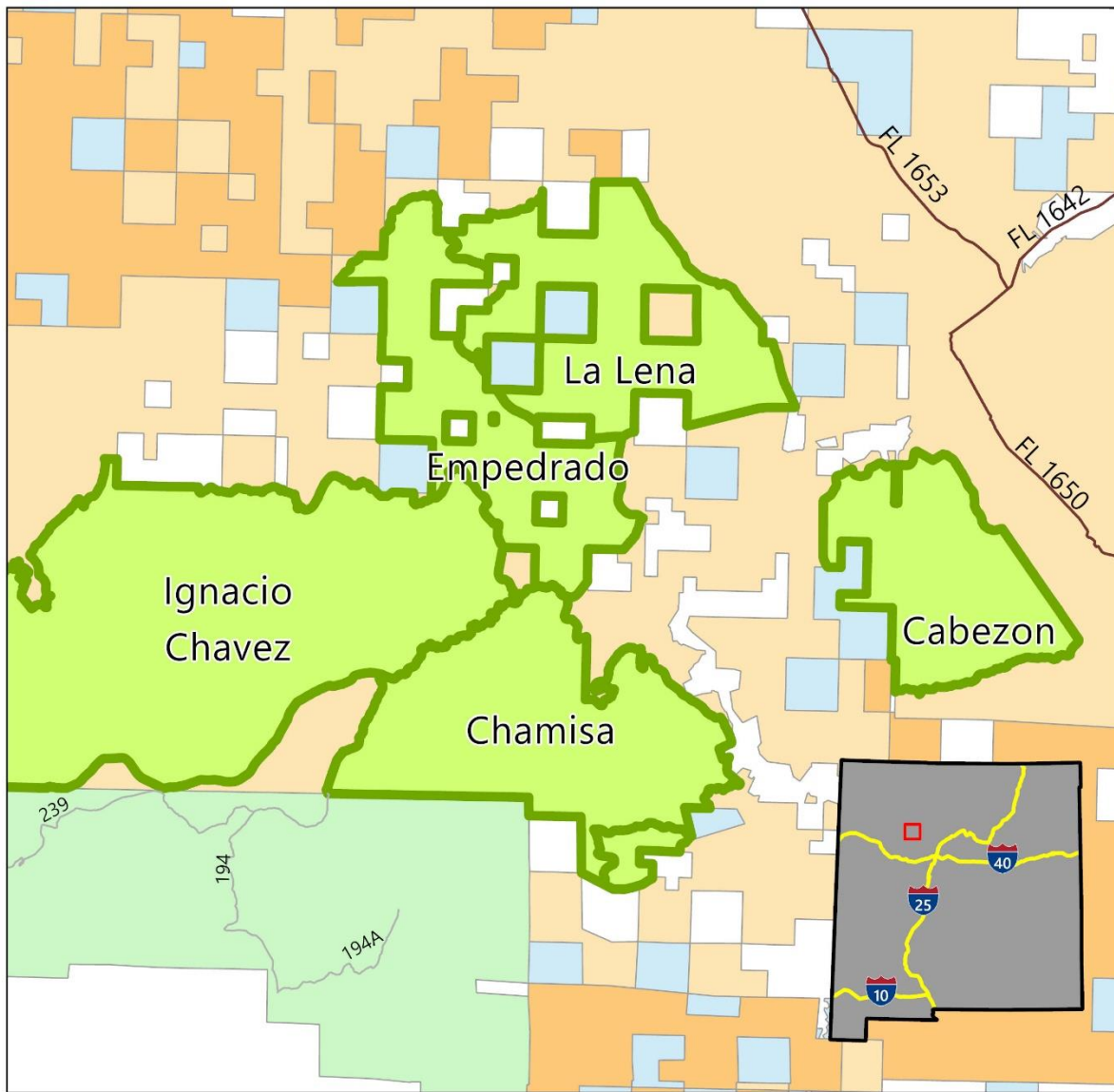
Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/empedrado-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-42, 47)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 107

Empedrado WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Ignacio Chavez

Description:

The Ignacio Chavez, Chamisa, Empedrado, and La Lena WSAs combine to form the Rio Puerco WSA Complex, totaling 66,000 acres northwest of Albuquerque and at an elevation of 5,600-7,500 ft. These areas have no trails but do offer a network of old roads and cattle trails best suited for use during spring and fall.

Access Point:

From San Ysidro, NM, drive US 550 about 18 miles to just north of mile marker 41 and the junction with NM 279. A green highway sign labeled, "San Luis-Cabezon" marks NM 279. Drive west on NM 279, a paved road, through the small village of San Luis, after which the road turns to gravel and dirt. Travel on this gravel road approximately 13 miles, crossing the bridge over the Chico Arroyo, until the road splits – NM 279 continues south to Guadalupe and BLM Road 1103 begins here and continues west. At about one mile, CR 25 splits to the right and from this point the WSA is on the right side of 1103 – continue on 1103, climbing to the mesa top. A gate and parking area is located just below the top of the mesa and is locked during wet times of year. Visitors can park here and look for an unmaintained trail on the right side of the parking area that passes through rugged terrain and connects to the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail approximately 1/2 mile to the north. If the gate is open, continue driving one mile to a signed parking area delineated by a split rail fence on the right side (north) of the road. Hike a flat, unmaintained trail to the north, through a gate in a barbed wire fence, and across dry meadows approximately one mile to the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/ignacio-chavez-wsa>

Hikes:

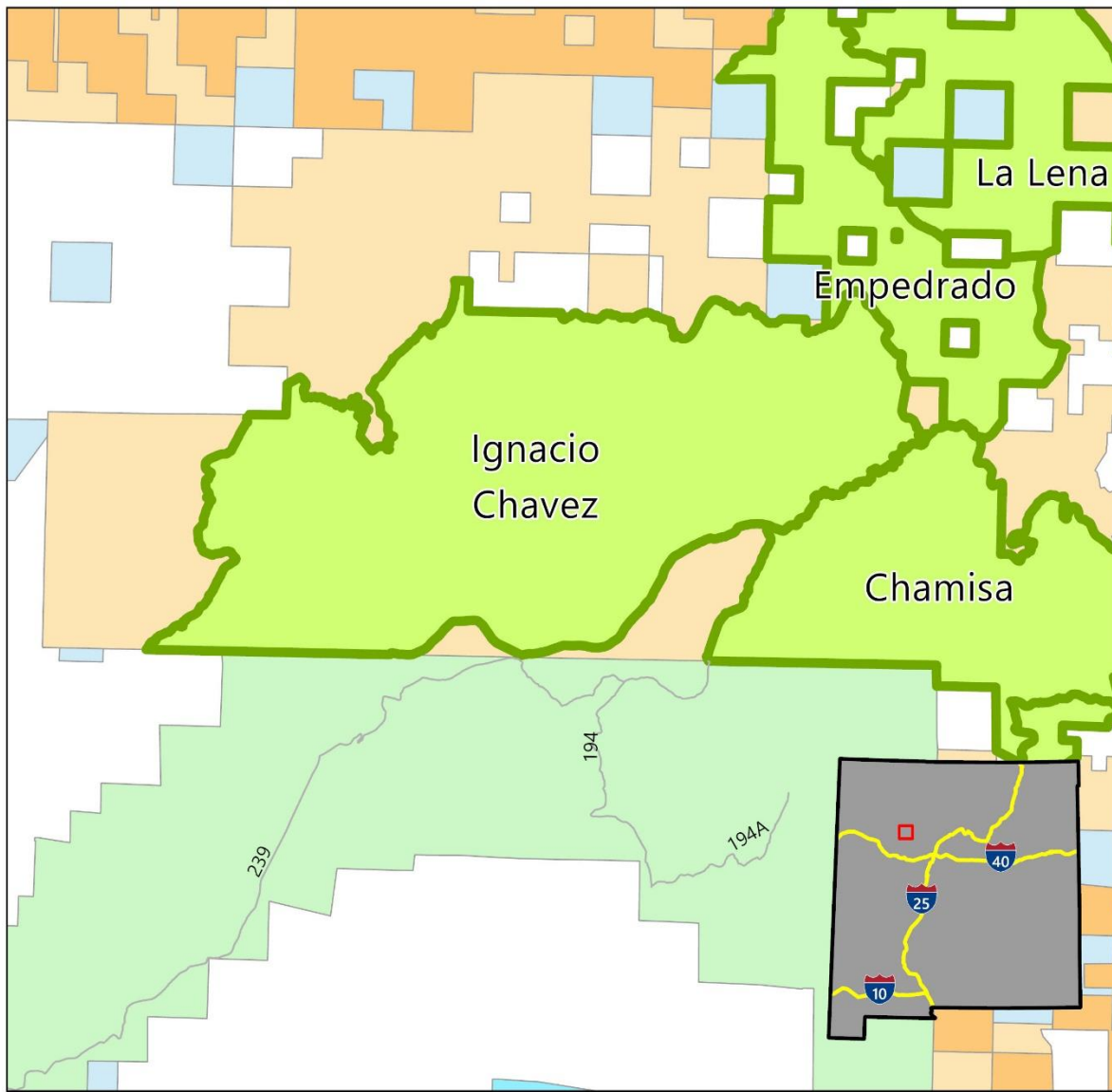
[Mesa Chivato](#), 24.6 miles

[Los Indios Canyon](#), 4.1 miles

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-42, 49)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 107

Ignacio Chavez WSA



0 1.5 3 6 Miles

- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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La Lena

Description:

The Ignacio Chaves, Chamisa, Empedrado, and La Lena WSAs combine to form the Rio Puerco WSA Complex, totaling 66,000 acres northwest of Albuquerque and at an elevation of 5,600-7,500 ft. These areas have no trails but do offer a network of old roads and cattle trails best suited for use during spring and fall.

Access Point:

From Highway 550, approximately 18 miles north of San Ysidro, turn west on County Road 279. Continue about 17 miles; past the village of San Luis the road turns to dirt. As the road bends to the south, turn right on a side road and drive approximately 5 mile to where the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail crosses the road. There is no trailhead, and the trail is marked by cairns. Hike north into the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Field Office
505-761-8700

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/la-lena-wsa>

Hikes:

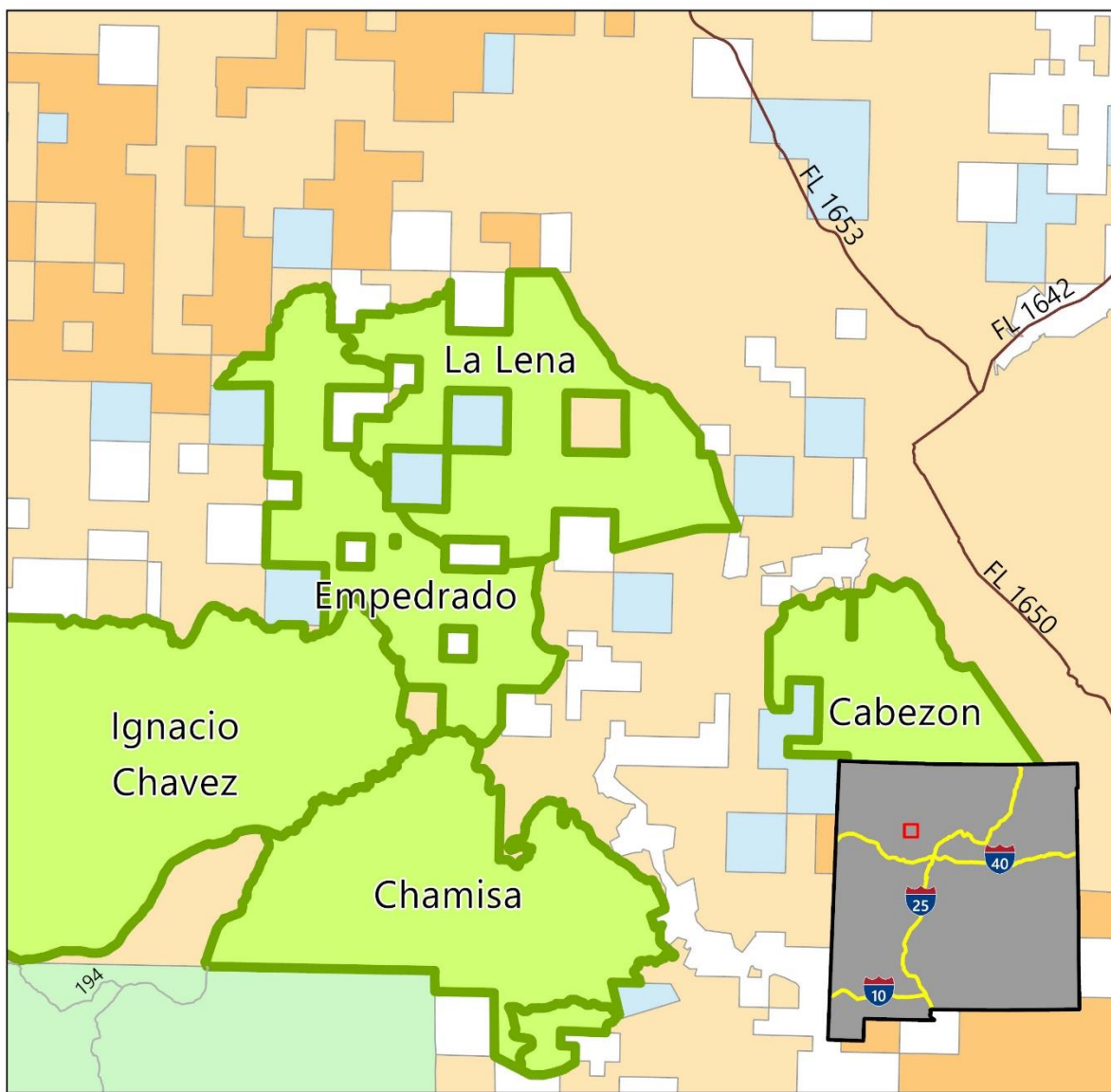
[La Lena Canyon Trail](#), 1.1 miles

[La Lena Wilderness Study Area](#), 6.8 miles

Inventory Reference: Colorado Plateau_2008.pdf (p.1-2, 35-42, 45)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 107

La Lena WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Indigenous
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Greater Sierra Ladrones Complex

Sierra Ladrones

Description:

45,000 acres west of Interstate 25 at an elevation of 5,200-9,210 ft. With no designated trails, this rugged landscape is most accessible during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

From Interstate 25, exit at Bernardo (Exit 175, approximately 17 miles south of Belen and 36 miles north of Socorro) and drive west and then southwest on Old Hwy 60 (Camino Sierra Ladrone). Cross the old steel bridge over the Rio Puerco, drive another half mile, and turn right onto County Road 12 just before the pavement ends. Drive northwest on County Road 12 for approximately 7 miles. For the next 5 miles you will encounter unmaintained, unmarked routes on the left side of the road that lead to the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/sierra-ladrones-wsa>

Hikes:

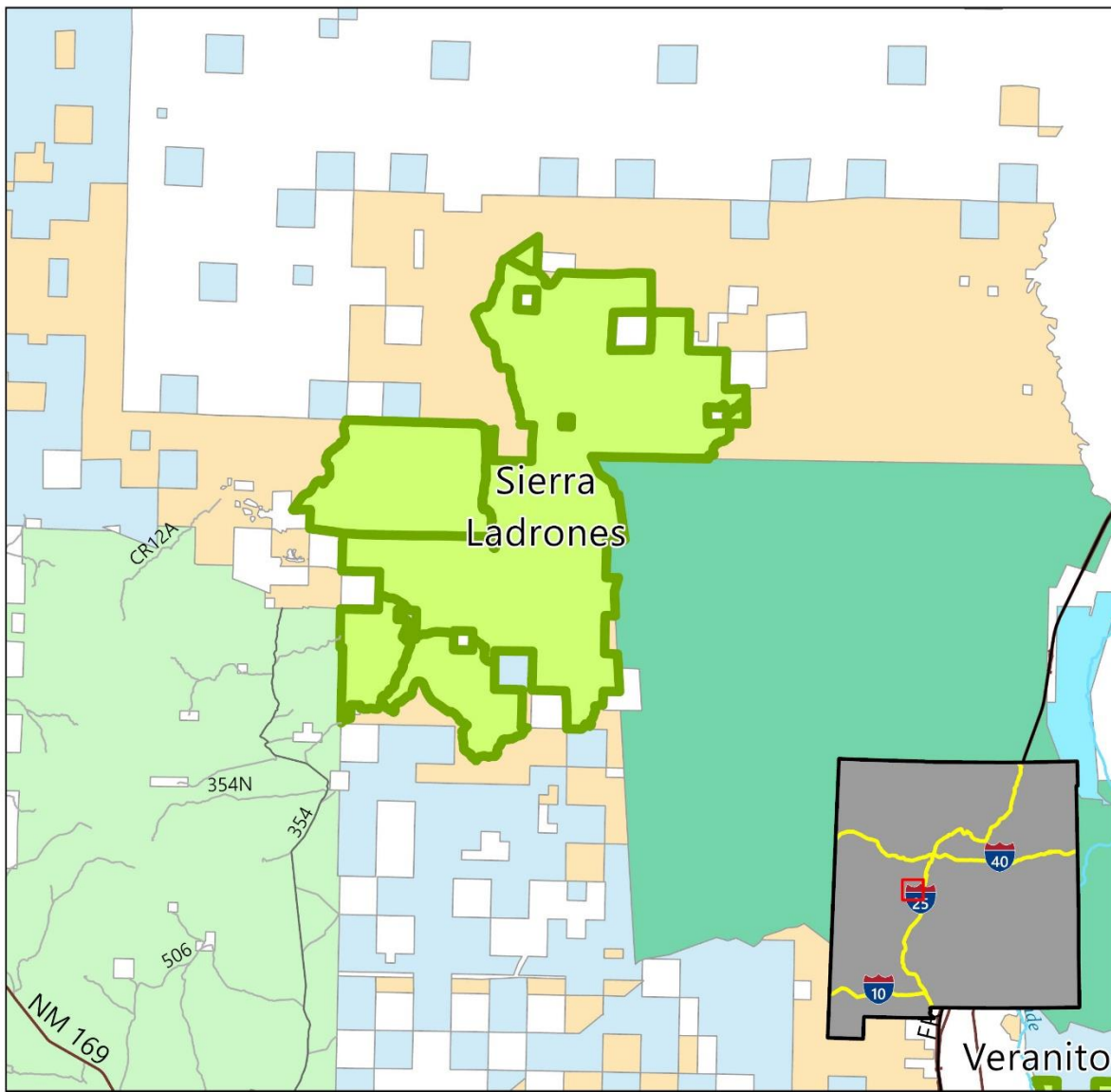
[Sierra Ladrones and Ladron Peak](#), 8.9 miles

[Ladron Peak West Approach](#), 6.2 miles

Inventory Reference: Central Highlands_2018.pdf (p. 1-2, 5-13)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 116

Sierra Ladrones WSA



0 2.25 4.5 9 Miles

- Roads
 - NM Interstates
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - FWS
 - Private
 - State
 - State Game And Fish
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Quebradas Complex

Presilla

Description:

The Presilla, Sierra de las Canas, Veranito, & Stallion WSAs are 53,000 acres combined. These WSAs are located northeast of Socorro and at an elevation of 4,600-7,100 ft. These areas have no maintained hiking trails and are best suited for cross-country hiking during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

To reach the northeastern border of the WSA, take the Escondida exit (#152) from I-25 (approximately three miles north of Socorro and 23 miles south of Bernardo & Hwy 60 E). Drive east and then immediately north to follow NM 408 for just over one mile to Pueblito Road. Turn right on Pueblito Road and drive east for less than one mile to the community of Pueblito; passing Escondida Lake and crossing the Rio Grande. At Pueblito, turn right onto Bosquecito Rd which parallels the Rio Grande, and drive just under 1 mile, and turn left onto a dirt road that goes east. This is the Quebradas Backcountry Byway, which is marked by signs. Follow this road, passing unmaintained, intersecting roads along the way for approximately 7.5 miles. From this point, the WSA will be on your right for approximately 3 miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/presilla-wsa>

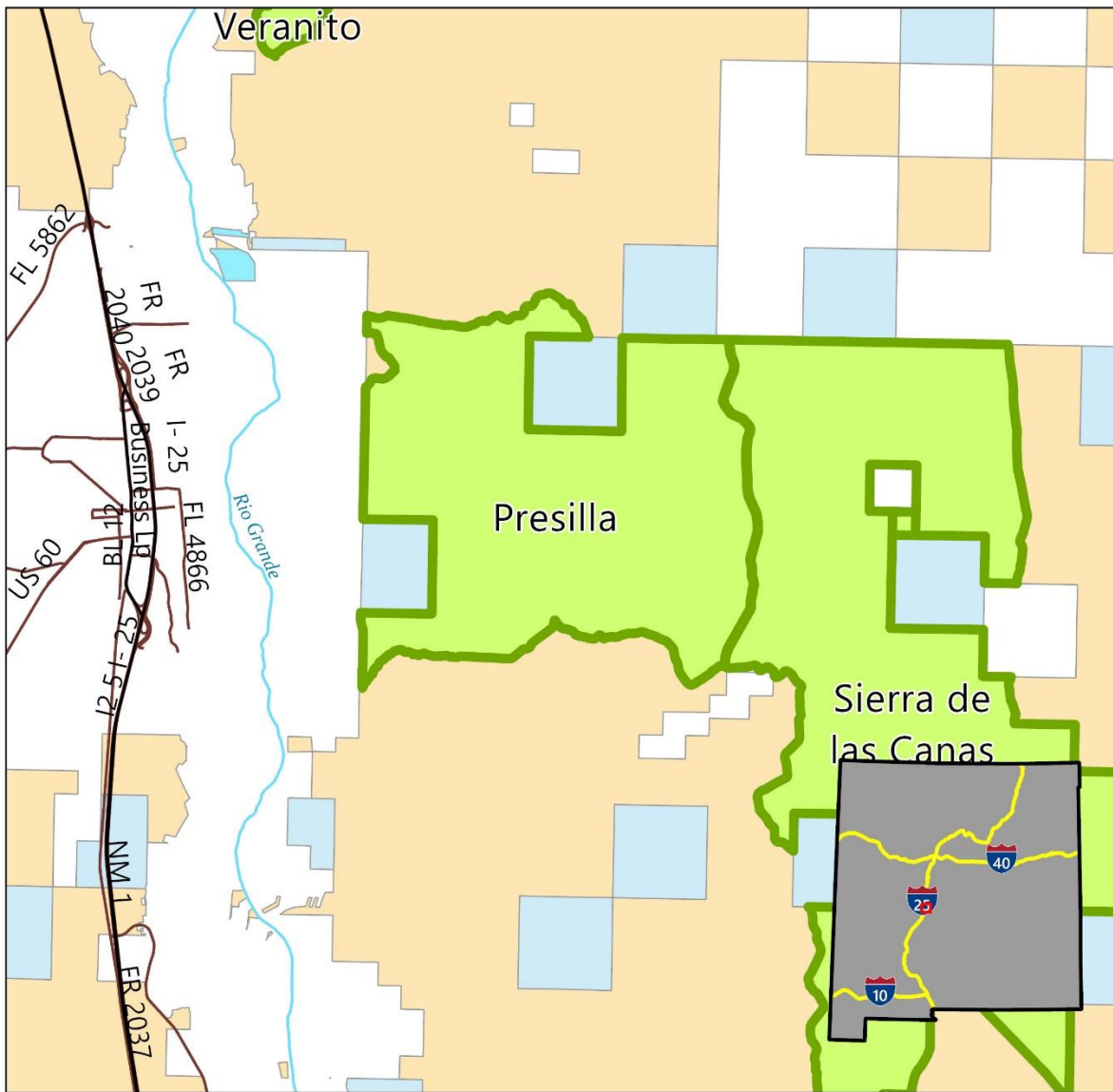
Hikes:

[Arroyo del Tajo](#), 5.2 miles

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 127-134)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 105

Presilla WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Sierra de las Canas

Description:

The Presilla, Sierra de las Canas, Veranito, & Stallion WSAs are 53,000 acres combined. These WSAs are located northeast of Socorro and at an elevation of 4,600-7,100 ft. These areas have no maintained hiking trails and are best suited for cross-country hiking during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

To reach the northwestern border of the WSA, take the Escondida exit (#152) from I-25 (approximately three miles north of Socorro and 23 miles south of Bernardo & Hwy 60 east). Drive east and then immediately north to follow NM 408 for just over one mile to Pueblito Road. Turn right on Pueblito Road and drive east for less than one mile to the community of Pueblito; passing Escondida Lake and crossing the Rio Grande. At Pueblito, turn right onto Bosquecito Rd which parallels the Rio Grande, and drive just under 1 mile, and turn left onto a dirt road that goes east. This is the Quebradas Backcountry Byway, which is marked by signs. Follow this road, passing unmaintained, intersecting roads along the way for approximately 7.5 miles. From this point, the WSA will be on your left for approximately 7 miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/sierra-de-las-canas-wsa>

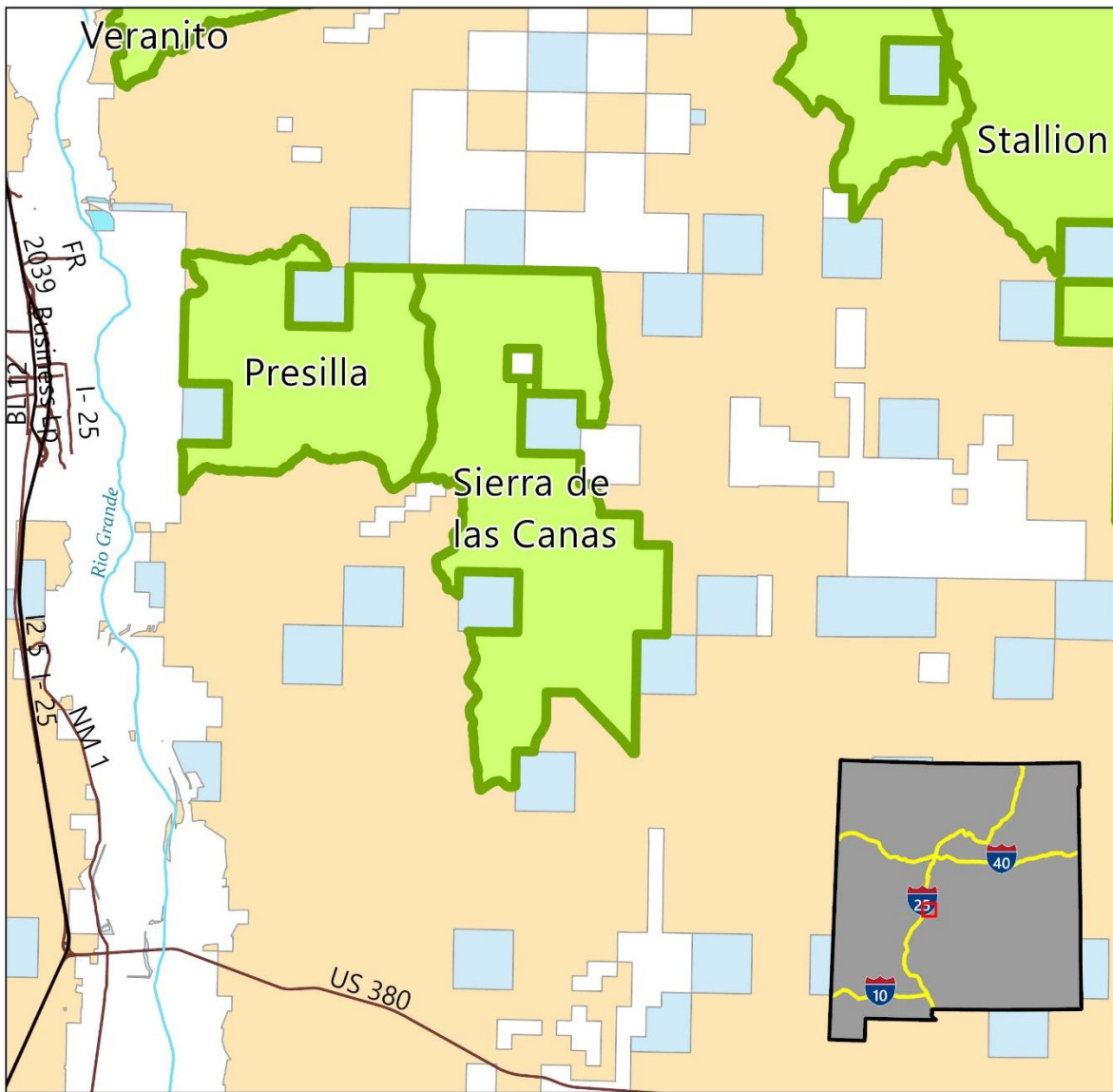
Hikes:

[Quebradas Back Country OHV Route](#), 25 miles

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 127-140) referred to as Loma de Las Canas.

Wild Guide Reference: p. 105

Sierra de las Canas



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Stallion

Description:

The Presilla, Sierra de las Canas, Veranito, & Stallion WSAs are 53,000 acres combined. These WSAs are located northeast of Socorro and at an elevation of 4,600-7,100 ft. These areas have no maintained hiking trails and are best suited for cross-country hiking during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

From I-25 near San Antonio, NM, drive 12 miles east on State Highway 380 to County Road 129. Drive north on County Road 129 for approximately 6.5 miles then veer right onto County Road 147. Continue two miles, heading northeast, then east to where the road will turn north. From this point continue north for nine miles, passing unmaintained, unmarked, intersecting routes. After nine miles you will be very near the western border of the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

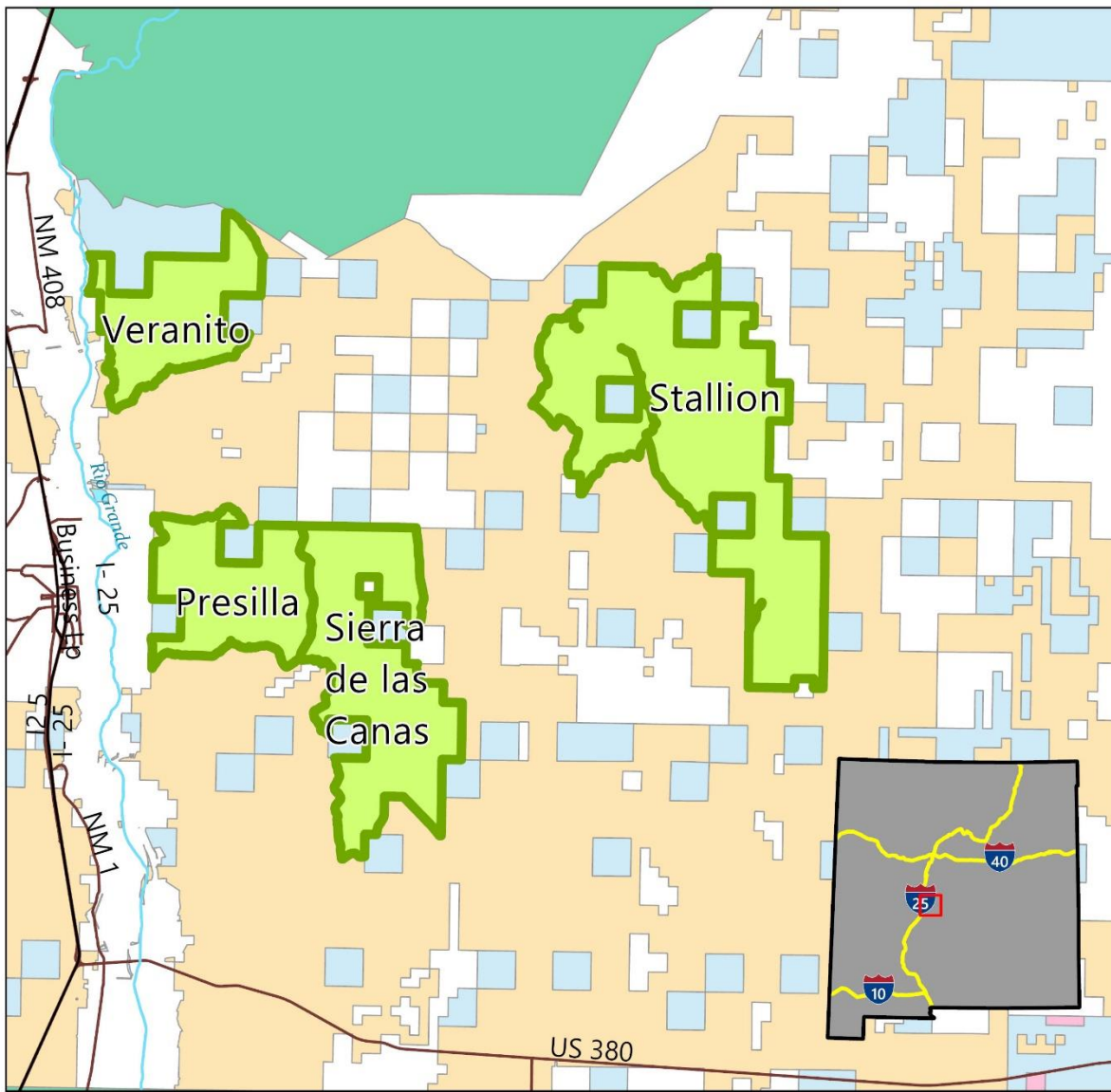
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
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<https://www.blm.gov/visit/stallion-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 127-140)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 105

Stallion WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- DOD
- FWS
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Veranito

Description:

The Presilla, Sierra de las Canas, Veranito, & Stallion WSAs are 53,000 acres combined. These WSAs are located northeast of Socorro and at an elevation of 4,600-7,100 ft. These areas have no maintained hiking trails and are best suited for cross-country hiking during the spring and fall.

Access Point:

To reach the southern border of the WSA, take the Escondida exit (#152) from I-25 (approximately three miles north of Socorro and 23 miles south of Bernardo & Hwy 60 E). Drive east and then immediately north to follow NM 408 for just over one mile to Pueblito Road. Turn right on Pueblito Road and drive east for less than one mile to the community of Pueblito; passing Escondida Lake and crossing the Rio Grande. At Pueblito, turn left at the T intersection onto Johnson Hill County Rd. Drive north and then east for about one mile where you will be very close to the southern border of the WSA. Johnson Hill Road continues for over seven miles, northeast and then north, forming the eastern border of the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

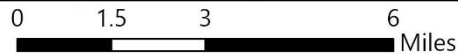
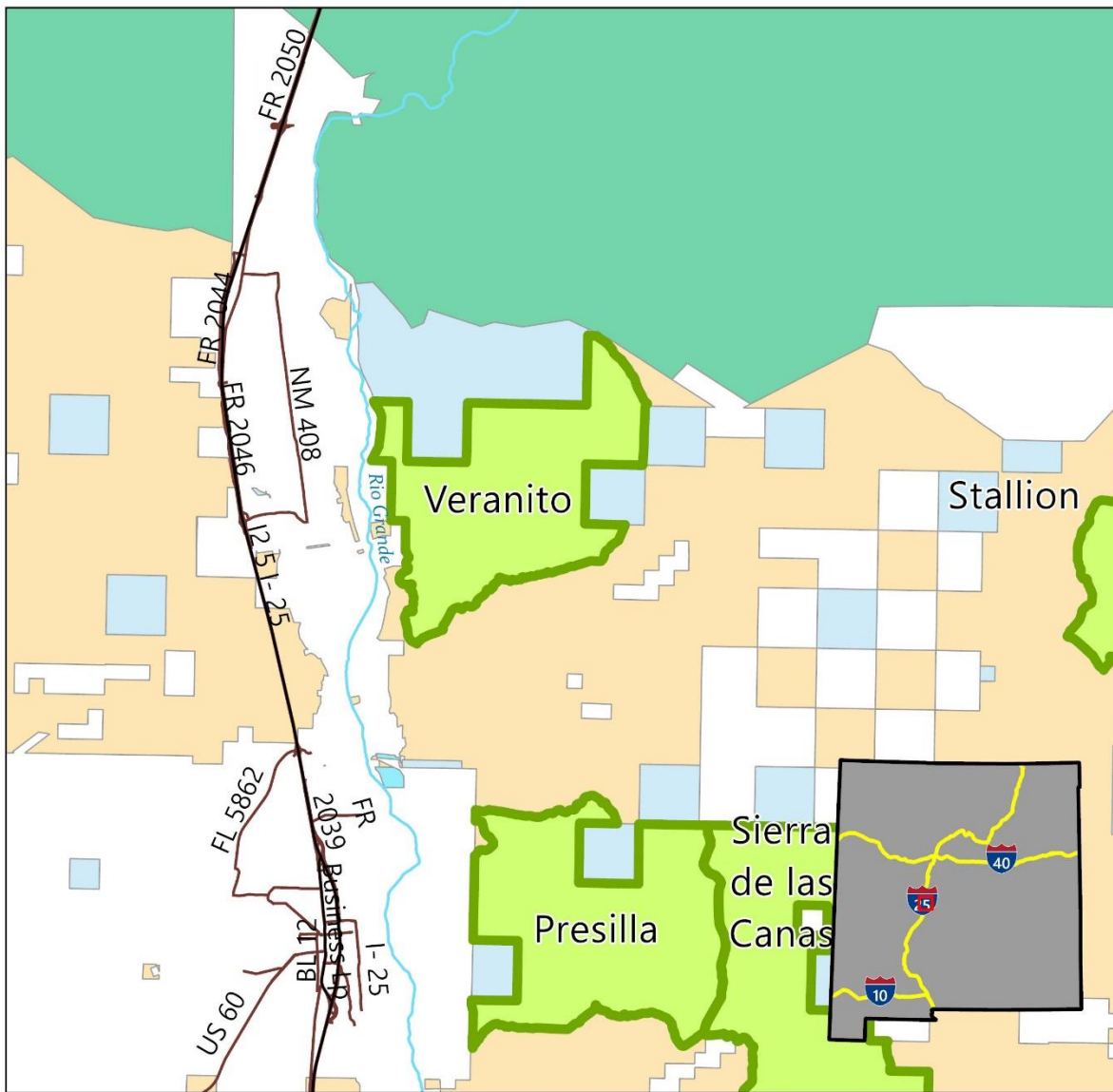
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office
575-835-0412

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/veranito-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 127-140)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 105

Veranito WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- FWS
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Jornada del Muerto Complex

Antelope

Description:

21,000 acres between the Little San Pasqual Wilderness and White Sands Missile Range, at an elevation of 4,700 ft. This WSA is most accessible during the fall, winter and spring with few trails in the area.

Access Point:

From Hwy 380, 7 miles east of I-25, turn right on County Road 153 / Fite Ranch Rd (just after crossing an arroyo 0.2 miles past the end of the guardrail). Drive about 1.25 miles southwest on 153, then turn left (passing County Rd 158 on the right) to continue on County Rd 153 for about 0.5 miles and veer right to continue on County Rd 153 passing intersecting routes on the left to continue another 0.5 miles and turn right on an unmaintained unmarked road just past a red-roofed ranch house. Drive on this road for just over 0.5 miles and you'll be very near the northern border of the WSA. This road continues along the western border of the WSA for several miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office

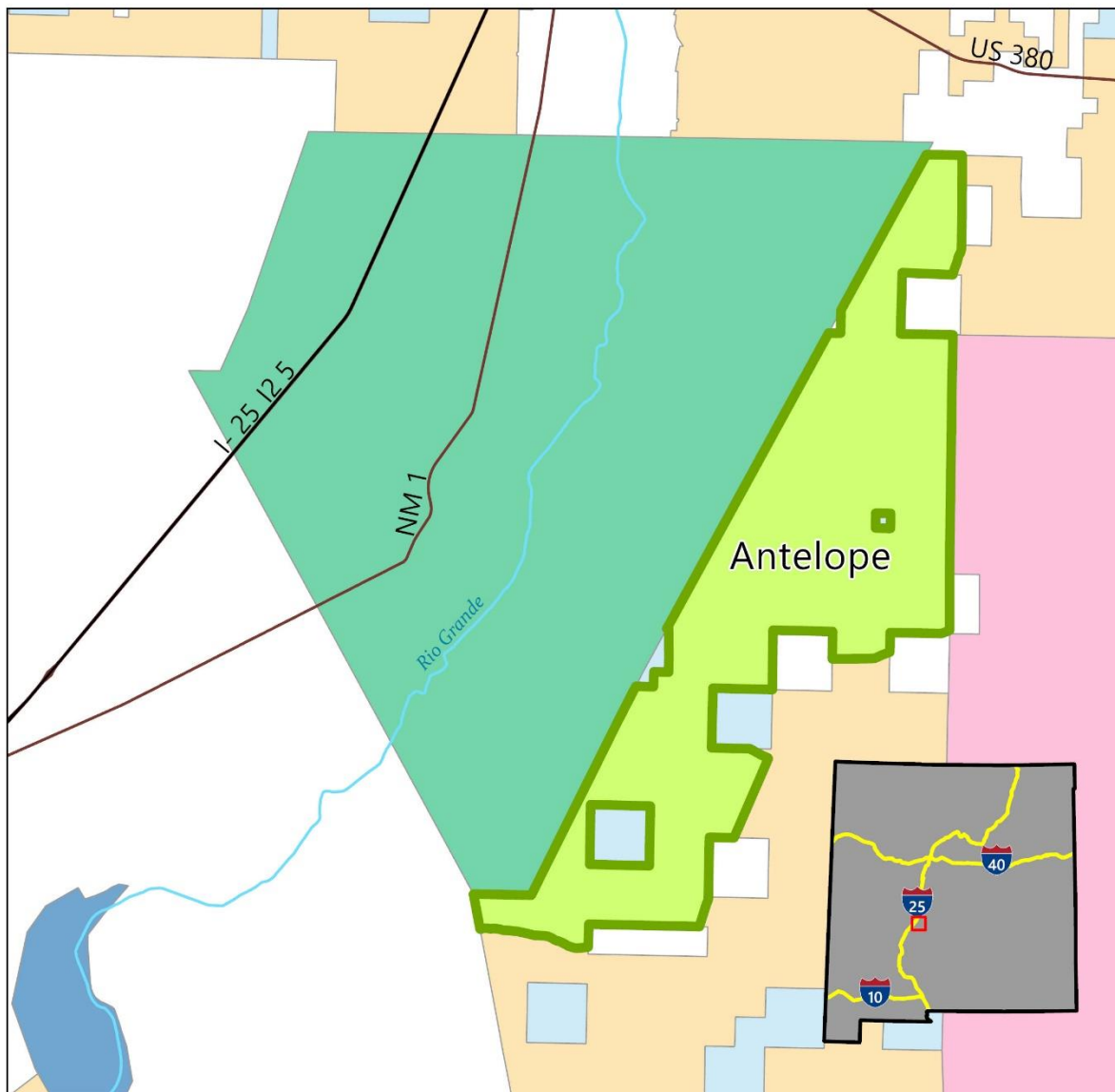
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<https://www.blm.gov/visit/antelope-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 113-119)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 89

Antelope WSA



Roads	FWS	0 1.5 3 6 Miles
NM Interstates	Private	
BLM Wilderness Study Area	State	N
BLM	SP	
DOD	Major Rivers	

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Jornada del Muerto

Description:

31,000 acres located 10 miles south of Bosque del Apache at an elevation of 4,700 ft. This area has few hiking trails and is best suited for cross-country hiking during the spring, fall and winter.

Access Point:

To access the northern border of the WSA, drive east from I-25 on Hwy 380 at San Antonio for just over 7 miles and turn right on County Road 153/Fite Ranch Rd (just after crossing an arroyo 0.2 miles past the end of the guardrail). Drive for about 1.5 miles and veer right to continue on CR 153/Fite Ranch Rd. The road will trend to the south but will zigzag to the southeast and southwest numerous times for the next 23 miles before reaching the northern border of the WSA. At about 25 miles from Highway 380, turn west on a road which is the northern border of the WSA for approximately 2 miles. Hike cross-country to the south into the WSA from a point along this road.

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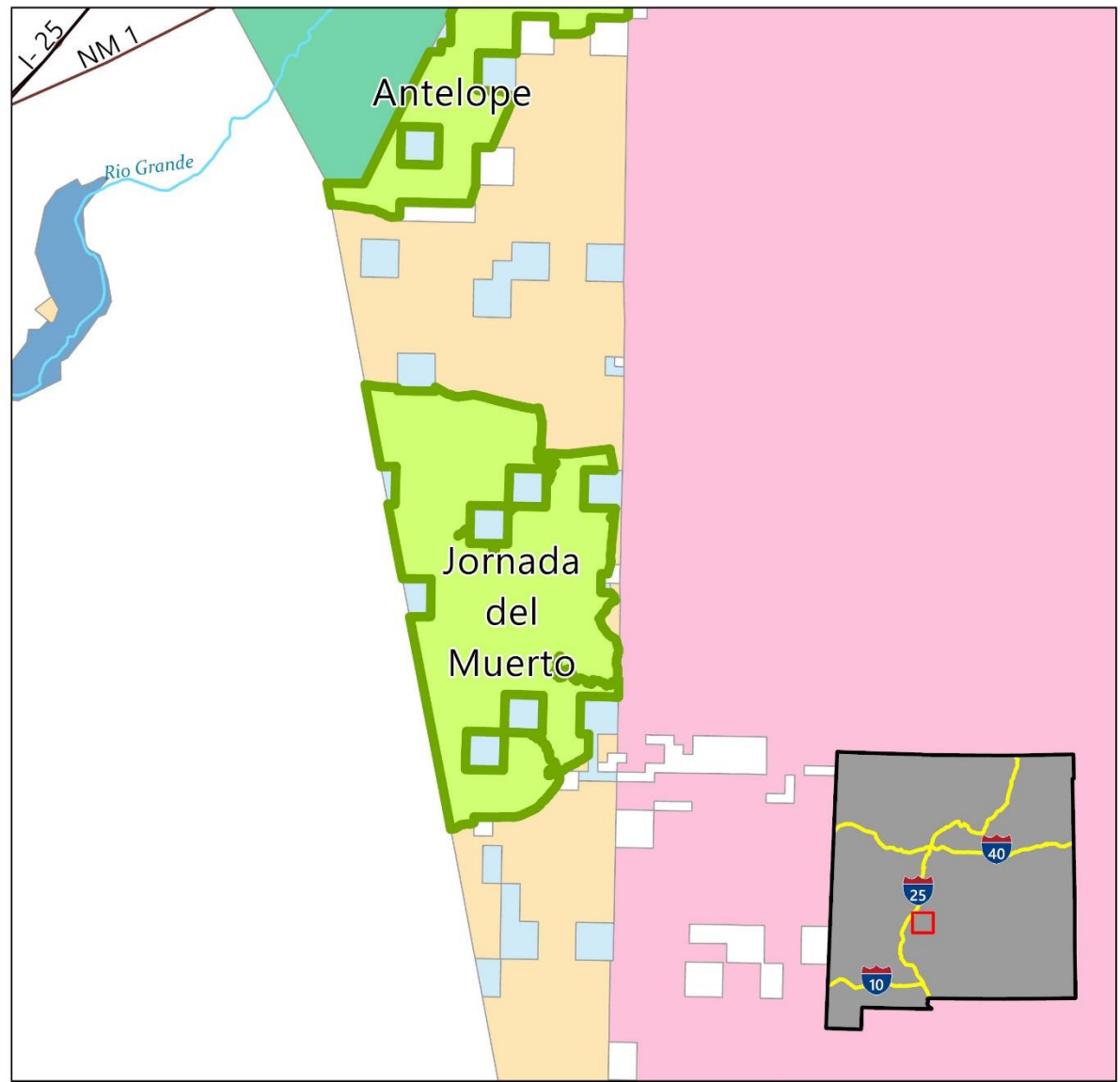
Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office

575-835-0412 <https://www.blm.gov/visit/jornada-del-muerto-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Chihuahuan Desert_2008(1).pdf (p. 2, 113-121)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 92

Jornada del Muerto WSA



- Roads
 - NM Interstates
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - DOD
 - FWS
 - Private
 - State
 - SP
 - Major Rivers
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0 2.25 4.5 9 Miles



Otero Mesa Complex

Culp Canyon

Description:

Due to its plentiful wildlife, this WSA is used mostly for deer hunting. Though there are not marked trails, there are outstanding vistas, most accessible during the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From U.S. Highway 54, 25.5 miles south of Alamogordo, NM, take all-weather dirt Highway 506/Owen Prather Hwy east just over 6 miles to another smaller, unmarked dirt road that runs northeast for about 7.5 miles to the Culp Canyon, and the southern border of the WSA. Access to Culp Canyon on McGregor Range requires permission from Ft. Bliss. Access permits are issued by Ft. Bliss and the BLM's Las Cruces District Office.

Agency Point of Contact:

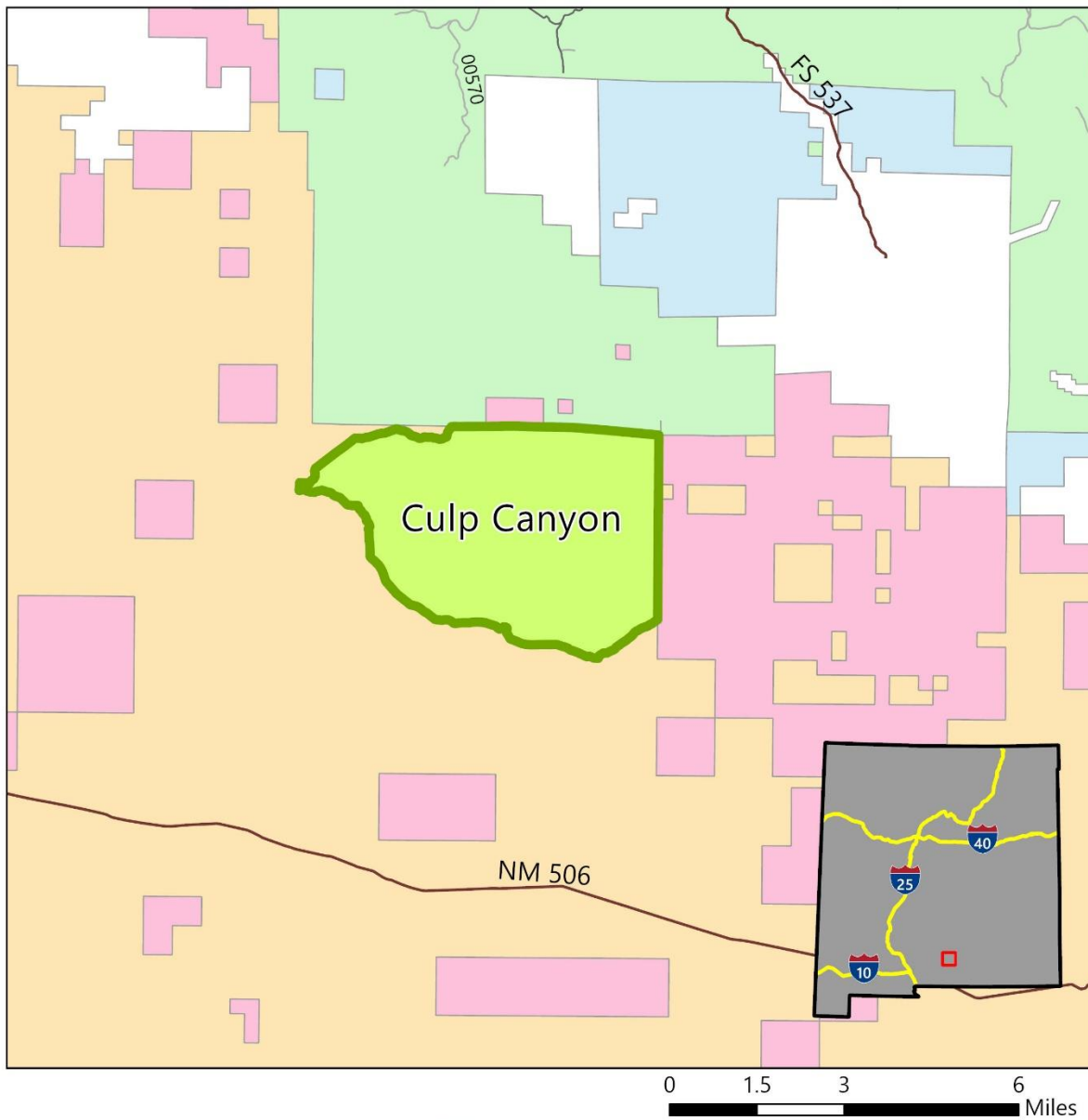
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/culp-canyon-wsa>

Inventory Reference: OteroMesa.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: p. 244

Culp Canyon WSA



- Roads
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - DOD
 - Forest Service
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Brokeoff Mountains

Description:

32,000 acres 80 miles east of El Paso at an elevation of 4,600-6,500 ft. Though there are few maintained trails, the area's old roads are suitable for cross-country hiking during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

From US Highway 285, take NM 137/Queens Hwy (12 miles northwest of Carlsbad, 23.5 miles south of Artesia) southwest for approximately 50 miles to El Paso Gap (about 12 miles past Queen, NM). Turn north onto Dell City Road, which becomes County Rd G14, and drive about 6 miles to County Road G17, and turn left. Drive for about 5 miles on G17 (passing structures and beginning to climb uphill after 2 miles) to County Road G13 and turn south. Drive south for 0.25 miles where G13 becomes the WSA border for 0.75 of a mile; the WSA will be on your right (to the west). Note: Signs in this area may be missing. Experience and skill in navigation are necessary to reach this WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

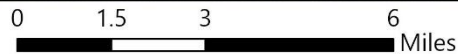
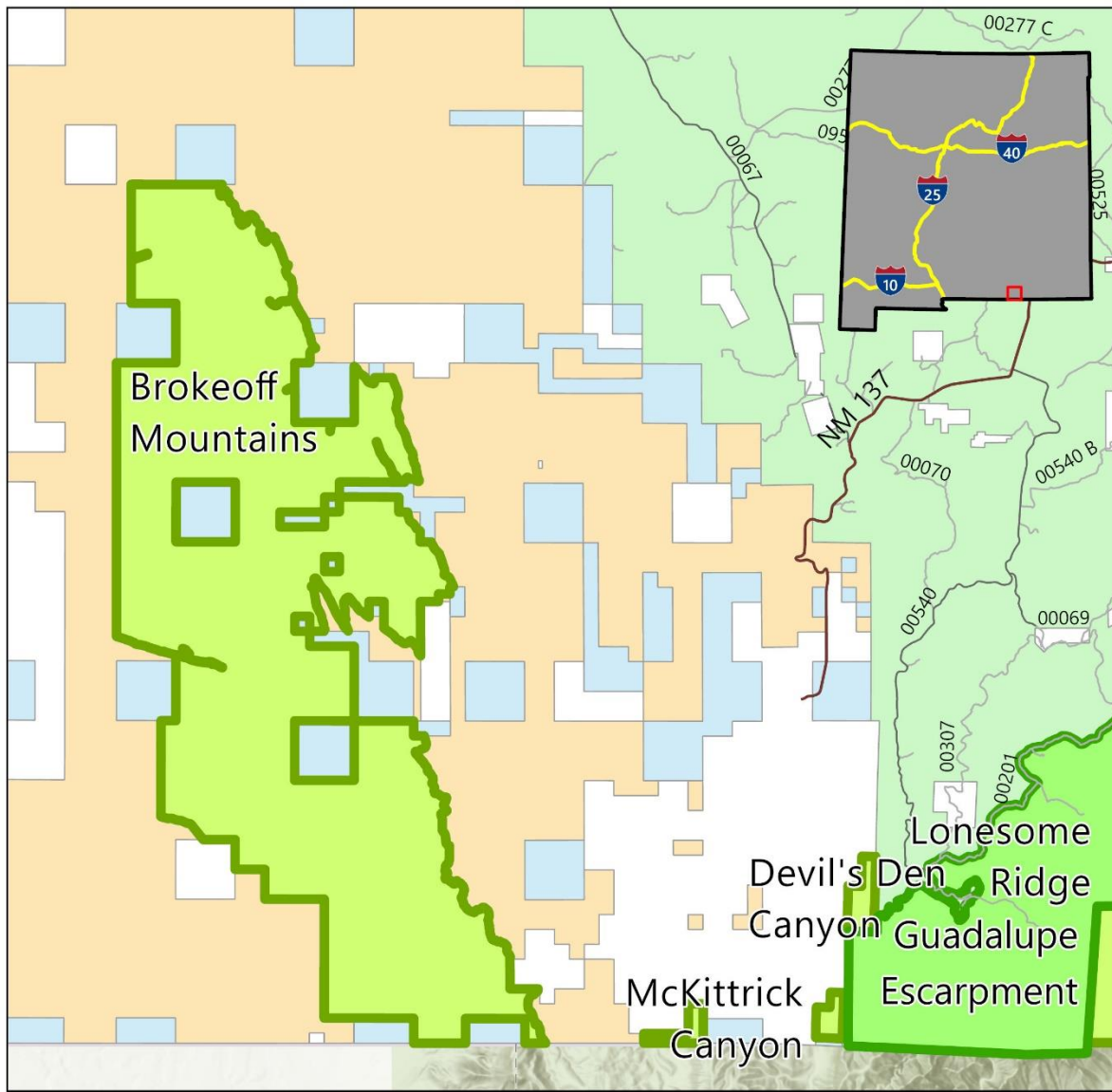
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<https://www.blm.gov/visit/brokeoff-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: OteroMesa.pdf

Wild Guide Reference: p. 238

Brokeoff Mountains WSA



- Roads
 - 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - USFS Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM Wilderness Study Area
 - BLM
 - Forest Service
 - Private
 - State
 - Major Rivers
- 7/9/2024



Bootheal Wilderness Study Areas

Cooke's Range

Description:

20,000 acres north of Deming at an elevation of 5,000-8,500 ft. old roads and the route to Cooke's Peak provides most of the hiking in this area. It is mostly accessible during fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From Interstate-10 at Deming, NM (approximately 61 miles west of Las Cruces), exit onto Hwy 180 North. Drive on Hwy 180 North for about 3 miles and turn right onto Keeler Rd NW/County Rd A008. Continue north on Keeler Rd NW/CR A008 for approximately 12 miles and you will reach the western border of the WSA. The WSA is on your right for the next 2 miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
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<https://www.blm.gov/visit/cookes-range-wsa>

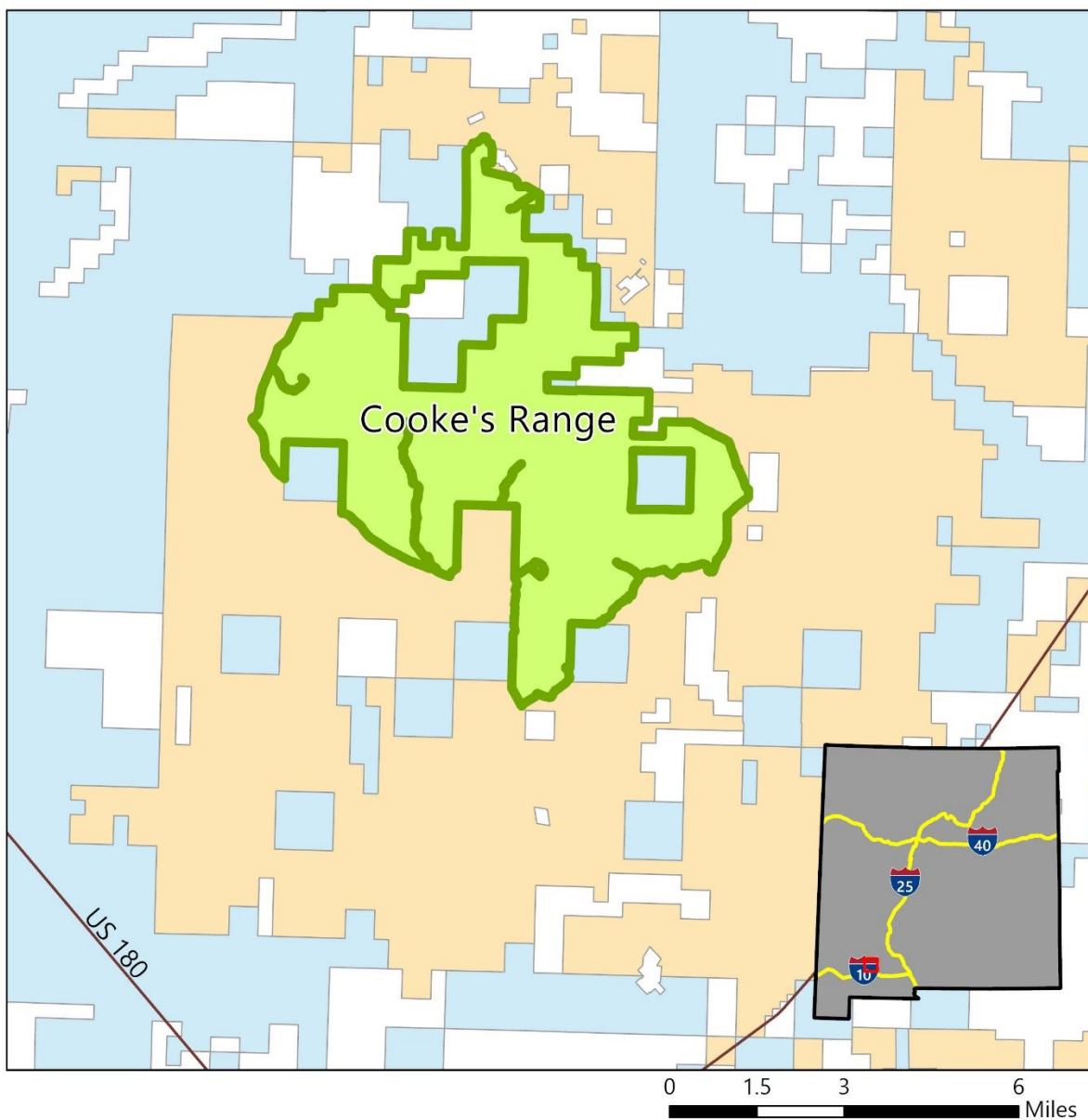
Hikes:

[Cokes Peak Trail](#), 7.9 miles

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 71-72)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 228

Cooke's Range WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- DOD
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Peloncillo Mountains

Description:

The Peloncillo Mountains, Gray Peak, Guadalupe Canyon and the Forest Service run Bunk Robinson and Whitmire Canyon WSAs combine to form the Peloncillo Mountain WSA Complex. Combined this area is 54,000 acres, located west of Lordsburg at an elevation of 5,500-7,000 ft. Though there are few maintained trails, this area contains great potential for hiking in the fall, winter, and spring.

Access Point:

From Interstate-10 take Exit #3 at Steins, NM (19 miles southwest of Lordsburg). Turn right at the stop sign off the exit, drive less than 1 mile (passing the Steins ghost town) and turn right onto Summit Road / Steins Rd. Cross the railroad tracks and drive northeast, then north for about 10 miles, staying on Summit Road (passing Steins Road & Steins Mtn Road on the left at about 3 miles, and County Road A014 on the left at about 9 miles). At approximately 10 miles you will reach Braidfoot Road on your left. Turn left and follow the road southwest. This road forms the southern WSA boundary. The WSA will be on your right for approximately 2 miles.

Agency Point of Contact:

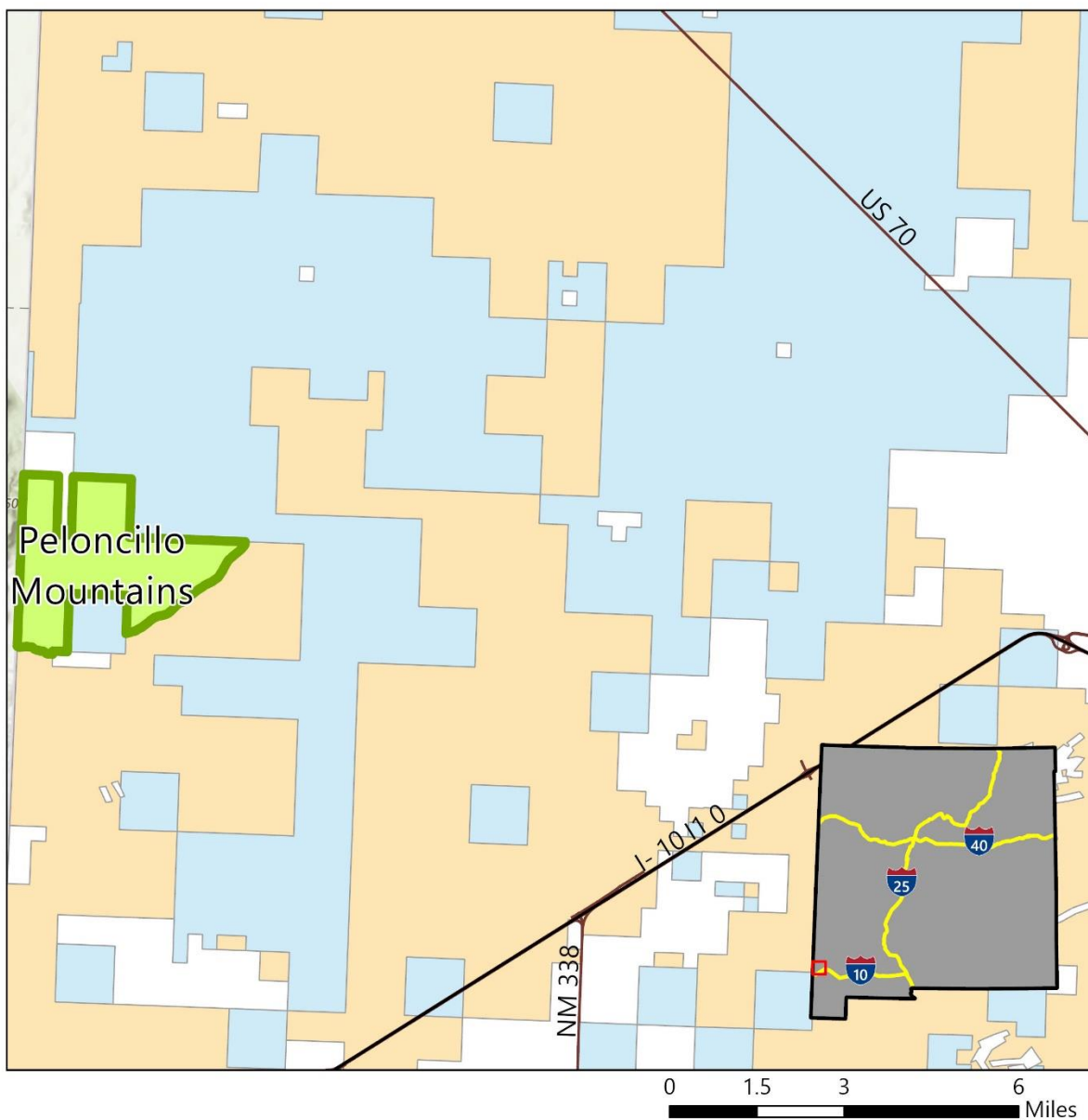
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/peloncillo-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 20-27)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 232

Peloncillo Mountains WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Florida Mountains

Description:

20,000 acres 10 miles southeast of Deming at an elevation of 4,000-7,000 ft. There is no designated trail system in this area, but there is potential for one. This area is most accessible in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From Deming, NM drive east on NM 549 approximately 6 miles and turn right on Rockhound Rd/NM 143. Drive south for about 5.5 miles on NM 143, then turn right onto NM 198. Drive approximately 2 miles to where the road ends in Rockhound State Park, Spring Canyon Recreation Area (State fee area). Park at the Lovers Leap Canyon trailhead. The Lovers Leap Trail is 0.8 miles and ends at the boundary of the WSA.

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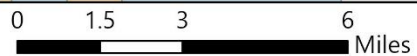
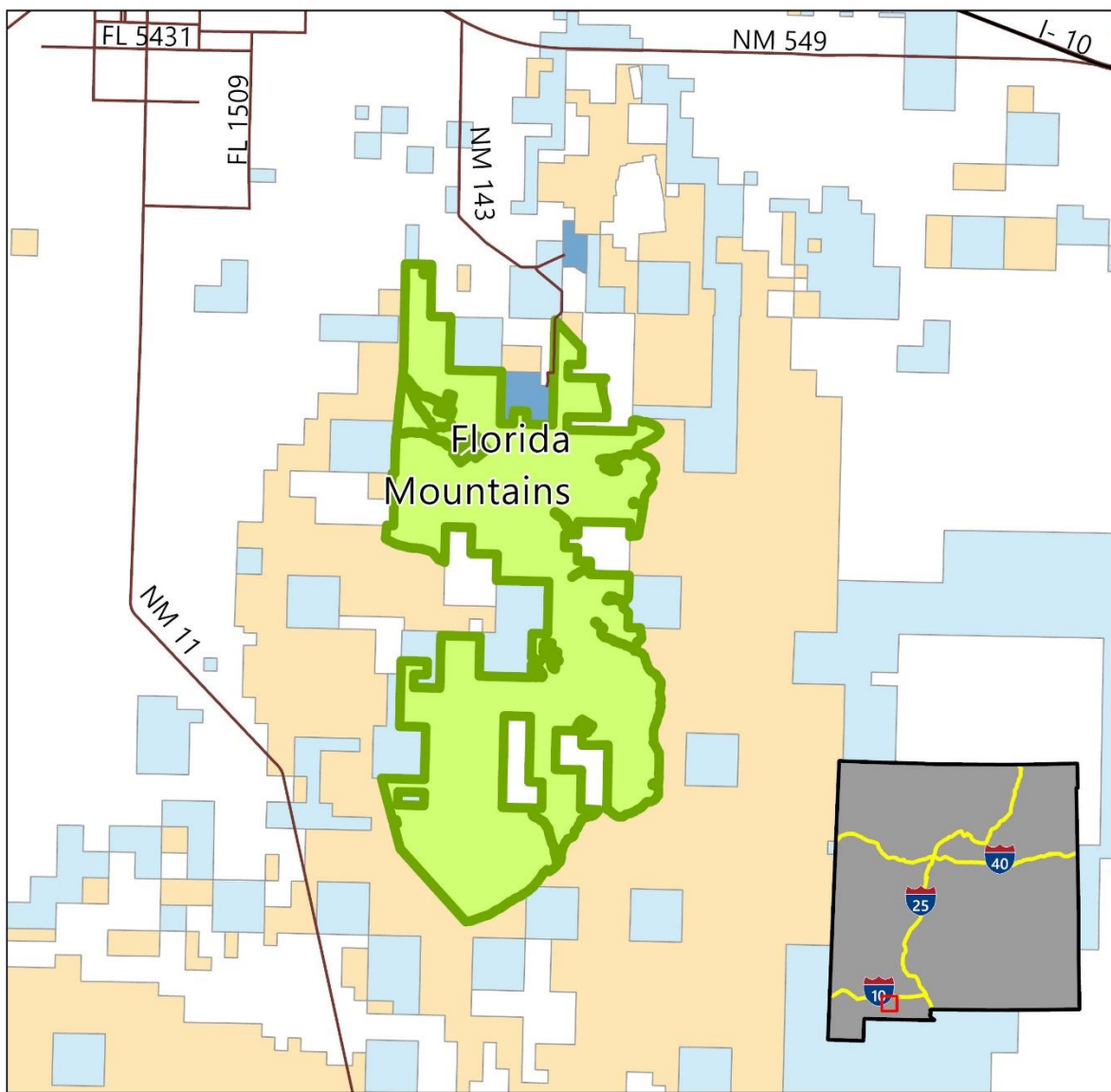
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/florida-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 77)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 230

Florida Mountains WSA



- Roads
- NM Interstates
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- SP
- Major Rivers

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Cedar Mountains

Description:

15,000 acres located southwest of Deming at an elevation of 4,700 to 6,215 ft. Though it has limited hiking, this area is most accessible in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From I-10 (27 miles east of Lordsburg and 32 miles west of Deming), take exit 49 to NM 146 and drive south about 19 miles to NM 9 at Hachita, NM. Drive east approximately 7 miles on NM 9 then turn left onto County Rd 001 (unmarked), heading northeast. Drive for about 3 miles to the perimeter of private land and park. Avoiding entering private land, hike about 2 miles first east and then northeast to reach the southwestern border of the WSA.

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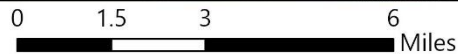
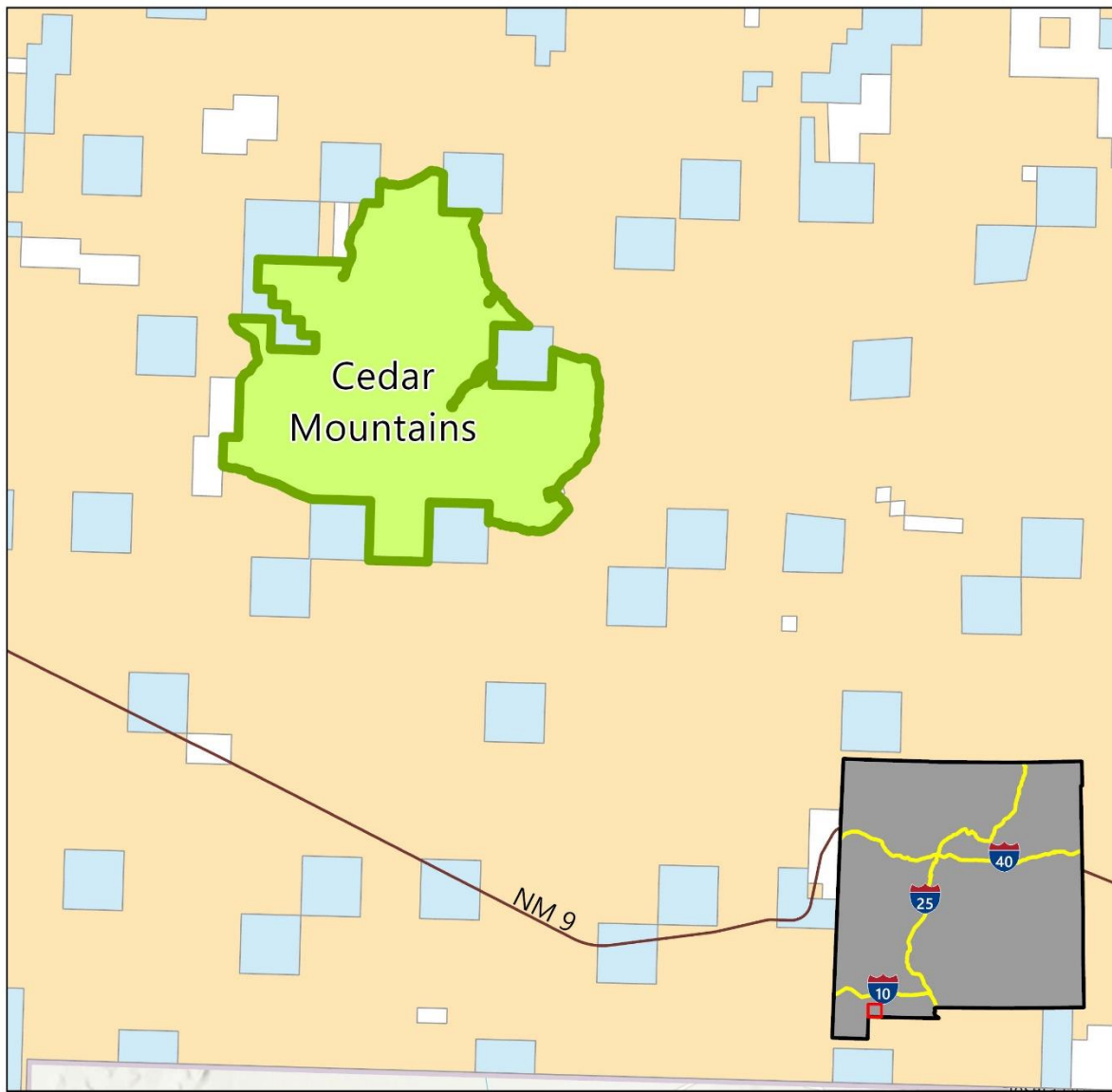
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/cedar-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 64-69)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 227

Cedar Mountains WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers



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Gray Peak

Description:

The Peloncillo Mountains, Gray Peak, Guadalupe Canyon and the Forest Service run Bunk Robinson and Whitmire Canyon WSAs combine to form the Peloncillo Mountain WSA Complex. Combined this area is 54,000 acres, located west of Lordsburg at an elevation of 5,500-7,000 ft. Though there are few maintained trails, this area contains great potential for hiking in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

There is no legal access to this area.

Agency Point of Contact:

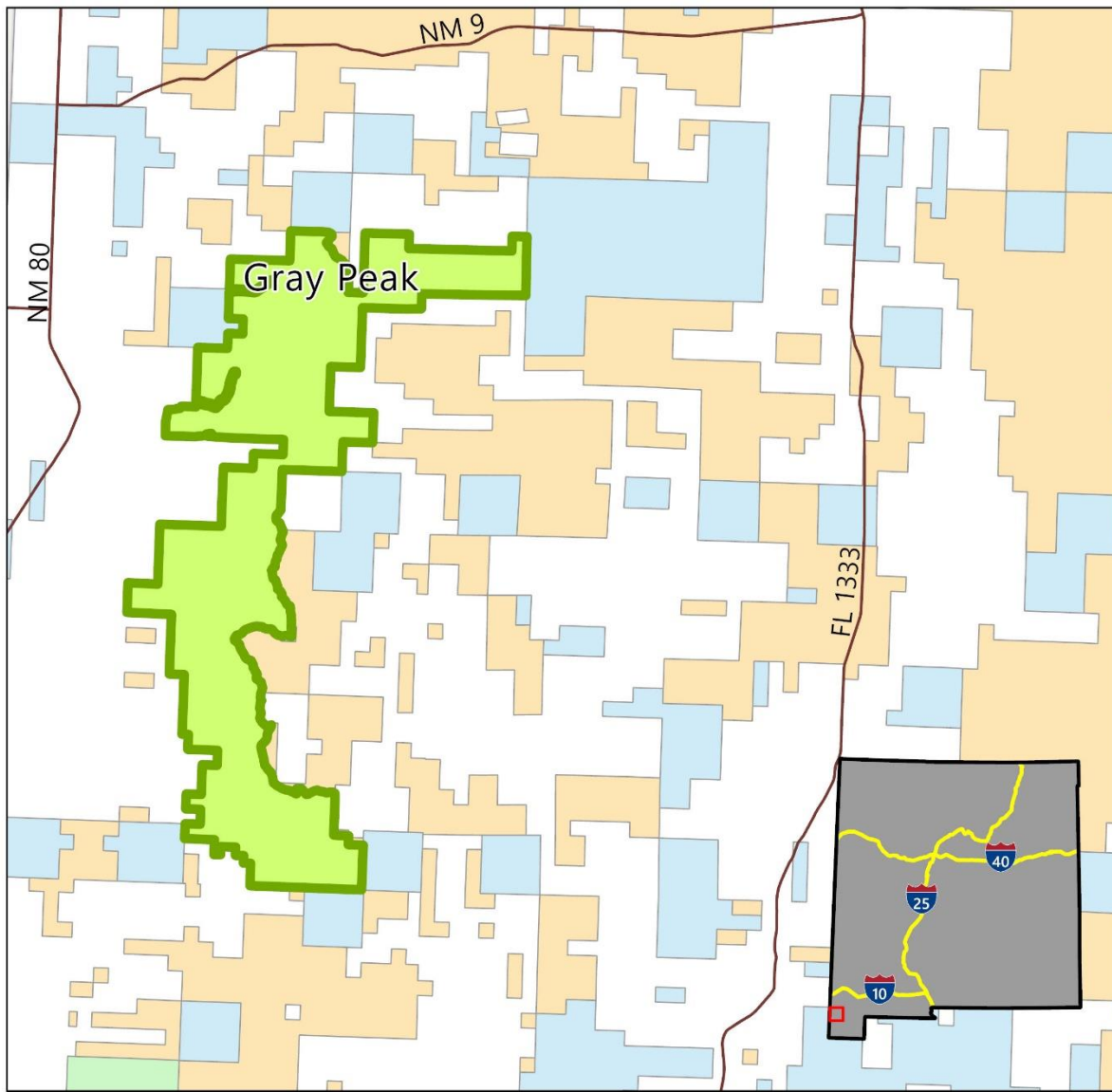
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/gray-peak-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 31)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 232

Gray Peak WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Big Hatchet Mountains

Description:

66,000 acres just west of the Mexican border at an elevation of 4,400 to 8,300 ft. Hiking in this area is very difficult to access but the area is most accessible in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

Drive south from Hachita, NM on Highway 81. Between mile 35 and 34, turn left onto County Road C11 (Hatchet Road). In about 0.5 miles the road veers right. At approximately 2 miles, turn right on Commodore Road and follow this road approximately 3.3 miles to a T intersection. Turn right and drive approximately 1.75 miles to where the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail crosses the road. The Trail is marked by cairns; there is no trail tread. Hike southeast into the WSA.

Agency Point of Contact:

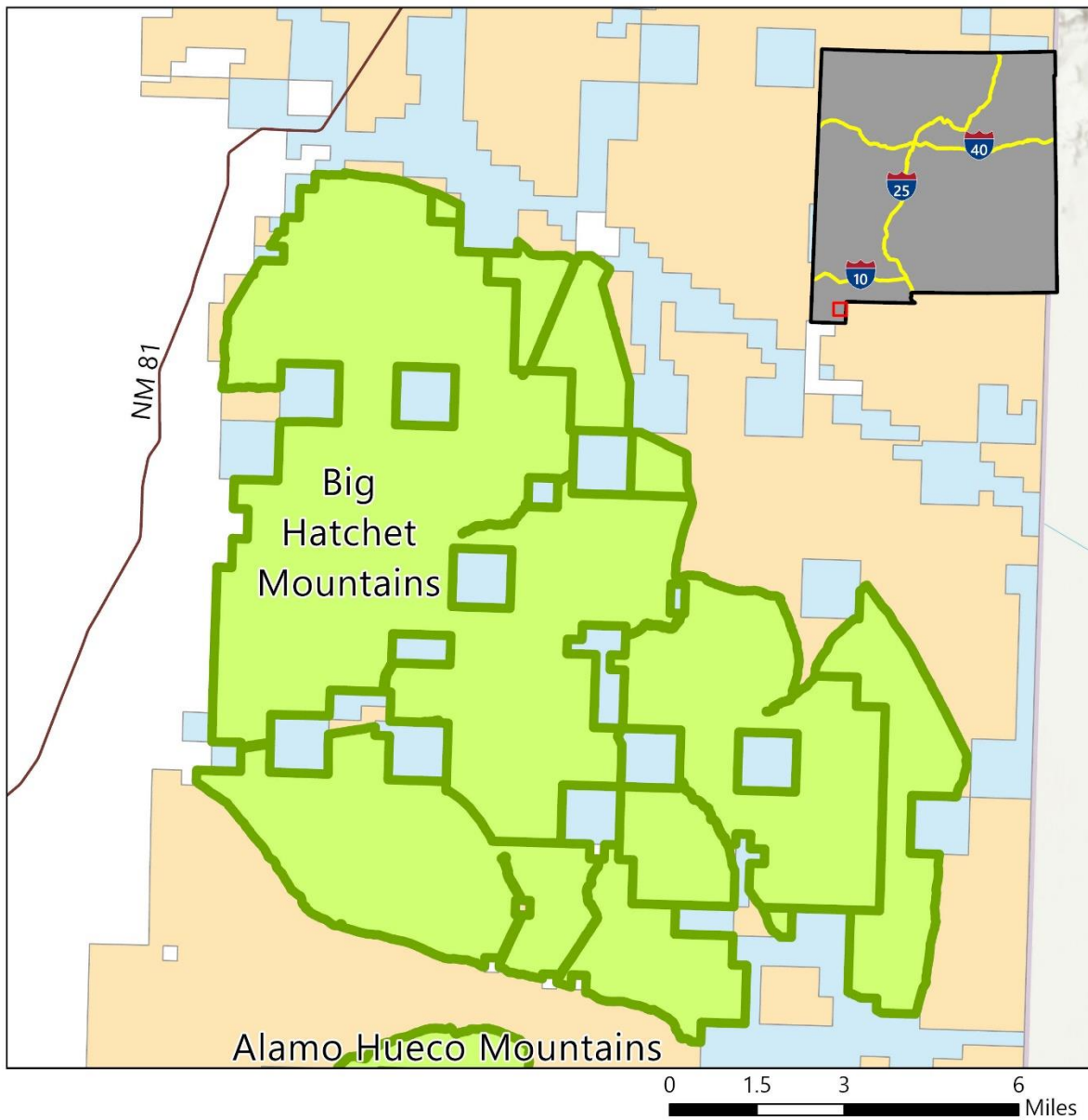
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/big-hatchet-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 55) & BigHatchets (1). pdf (p. 47-63)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 225

Big Hatchet Mountains WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers



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Cowboy Spring

Description:

7,000 acres 50 miles south of Lordsburg at an elevation of 5,000 ft. This area is very difficult to access, and the BLM should be contacted for current conditions of the area.

Access Point:

There is no legal access to this area.

Agency Point of Contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office

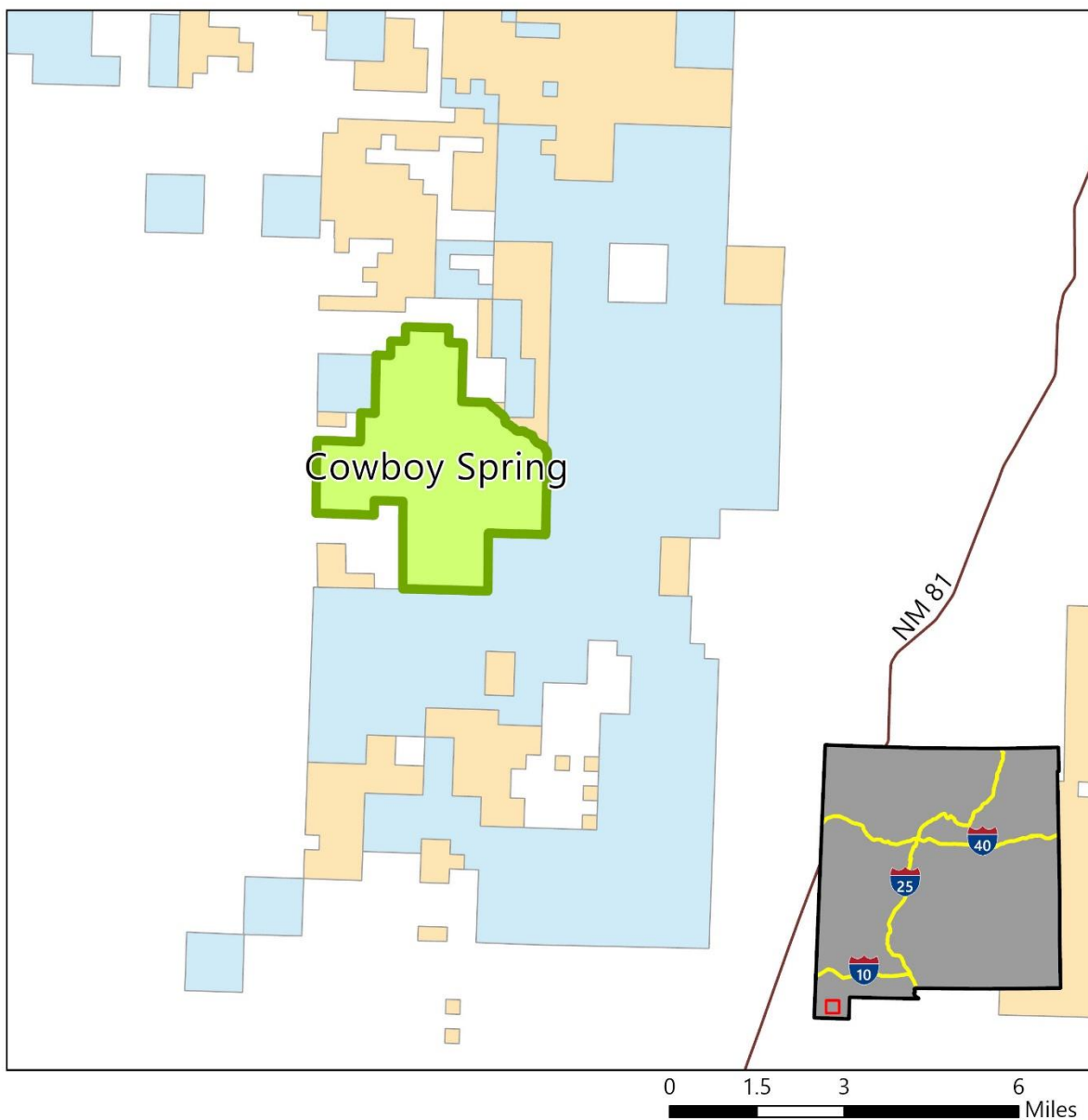
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/cowboy-spring-wsa>

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 229

Cowboy Spring WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers



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Alamo Hueco Mountains

Description:

16,000 acres just northwest of the Mexican border at an elevation of 5,000-7,000 ft. This area contains few hiking trails but is home to diverse wildlife and archeological sites. It is most accessible during the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

From Hachita, NM, drive NM Hwy 81 south for approximately 27 miles to a dirt road between mile markers 18 and 17 with a BLM signed gate. This road crosses private land for the first three miles and the public must remain on the road in this section. Drive east through the gate for approximately 2 miles, then turn right before a fence and drive south for just under 5 miles past another fence. The road then veers southeast for approximately 6 miles (passing unmarked, unmaintained roads) to a dirt road leading south. Drive south for approximately 1 mile to a T intersection. Turn left or right at the T intersection and the WSA boundary will be to the south of the road for approximately 4 miles in either direction.

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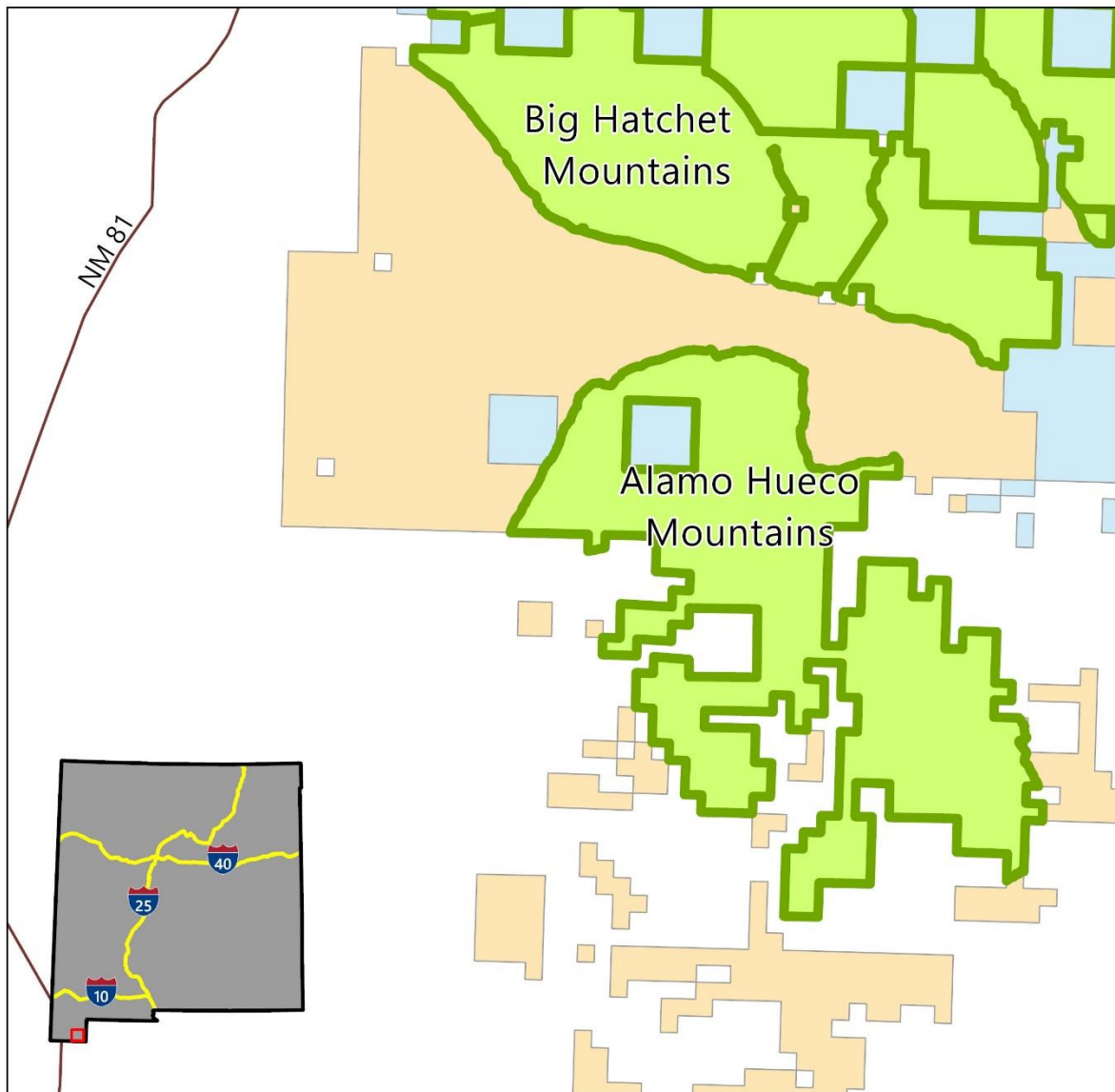
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<https://www.blm.gov/visit/alamo-hueco-mountains-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 46-52)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 224

Alamo Hueco Mountains WSA



- Roads
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Guadalupe Canyon

Description:

The Peloncillo Mountains, Gray Peak, Guadalupe Canyon and the Forest Service run Bunk Robinson and Whitmire Canyon WSAs combine to form the Peloncillo Mountain WSA Complex. Combined this area is 54,000 acres, located west of Lordsburg at an elevation of 5,500-7,000 ft. Though there are few maintained trails, this area contains great potential for hiking in the fall, winter and spring.

Access Point:

The WSA can be reached from the north by rugged cross-country hiking or horseback riding through the Coronado National Forest. Access is unresolved, therefore, check with the Coronado National Forest for current access status regarding the Bunk Robinson WSA.

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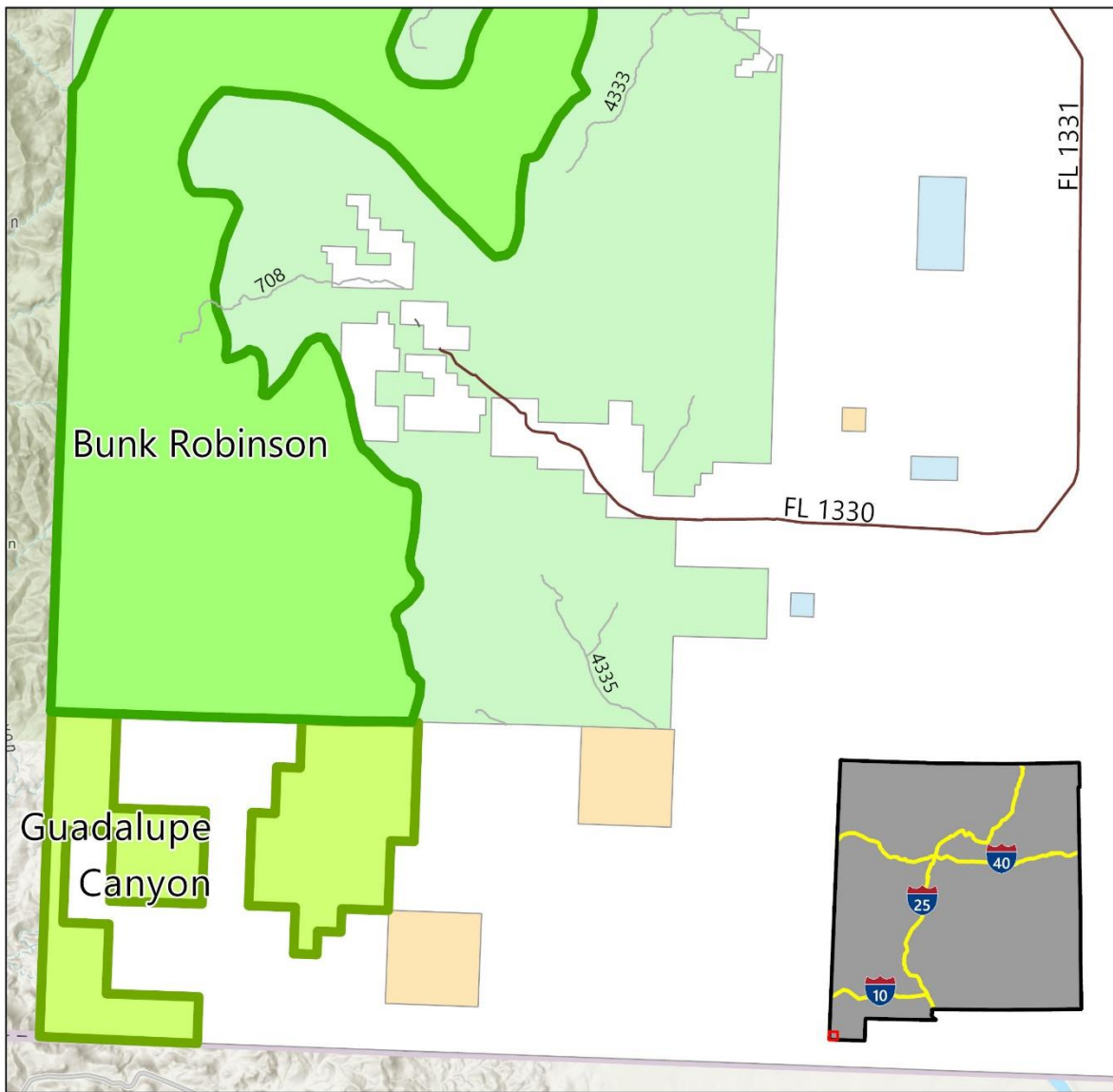
Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office
575-525-4300

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/guadalupe-canyon-wsa>

Inventory Reference: Sky Islands_2008.pdf (p. 32)

Wild Guide Reference: p. 232

Guadalupe Canyon WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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United States Forest Service Wilderness Study Areas

Guadalupe Escarpment

Description:

The Devil's Den, McKittrick Canyon, Lonesome Ridge, Mudgetts and Forest Service run Guadalupe Escarpment combine to form the 30,000-acre Guadalupe Mountain Wilderness Study Area Complex, located west and southwest of Carlsbad. At an elevation of 3,500-7,500 ft, this WSA offers great opportunities for backcountry hiking, most ideally during the fall and spring.

Access Point:

This WSA is accessible by backcountry hiking through the Guadalupe Mountains National Park

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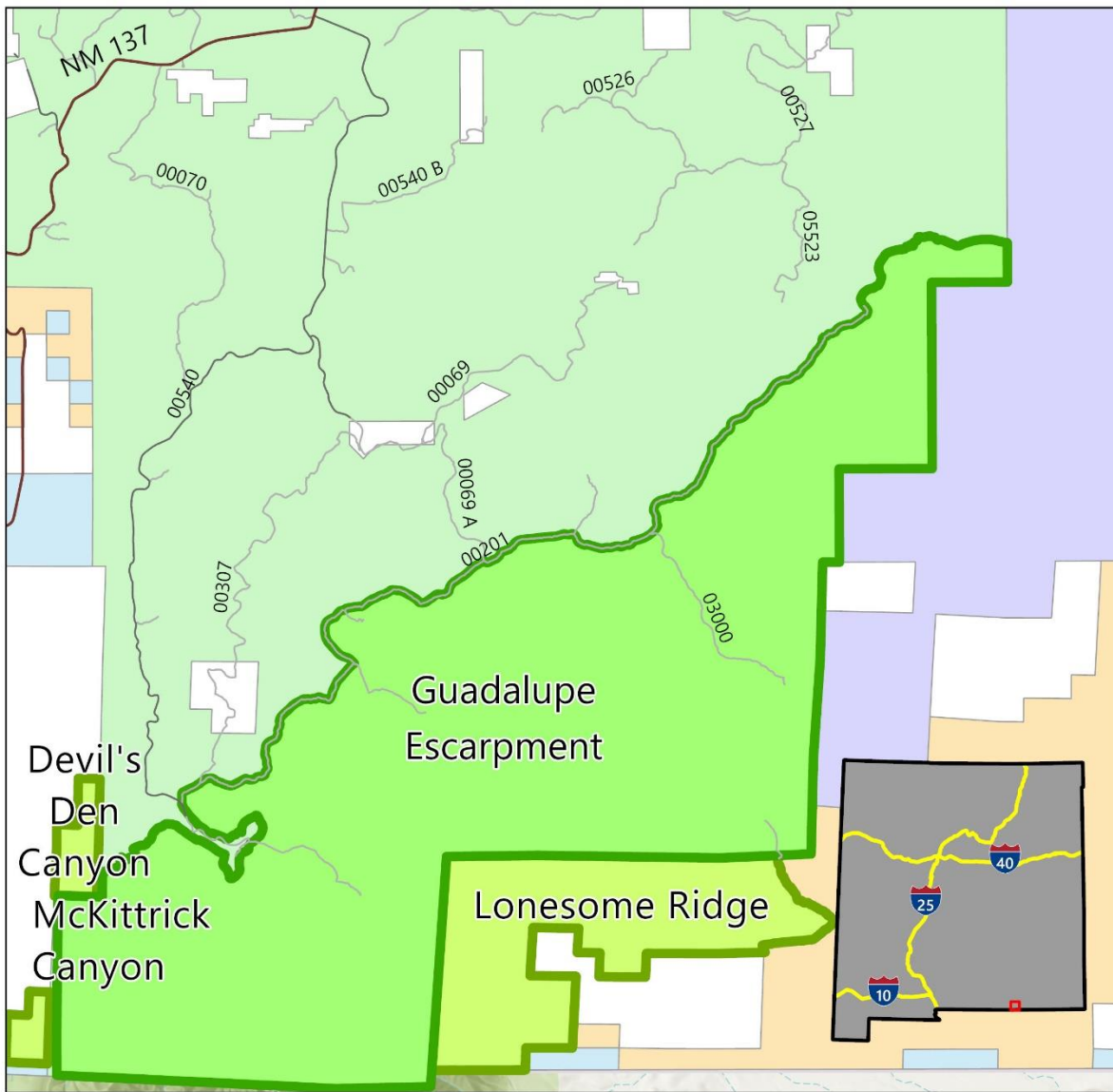
Forest Service

https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other_fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=NM

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 245

Guadalupe Escarpment WSA



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| — Roads | ■ BLM |
| 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED) | ■ Forest Service |
| 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES | ■ NPS |
| 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS | ■ Private |
| ■ USFS Wilderness Study Area | ■ State |
| ■ BLM Wilderness Study Area | — Major Rivers |

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Lower San Francisco

Description:

9,000 acres southwest of Glenwood at an elevation of 4,200-6,900 ft. This area is most accessible to boaters and cross-country hikers during the spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From US 180 South of the community of Pleasanton, a dirt road heads southwest to drop down of the San Francisco River, ultimately ending at the San Francisco Hot Springs.

Agency Point of Contact:

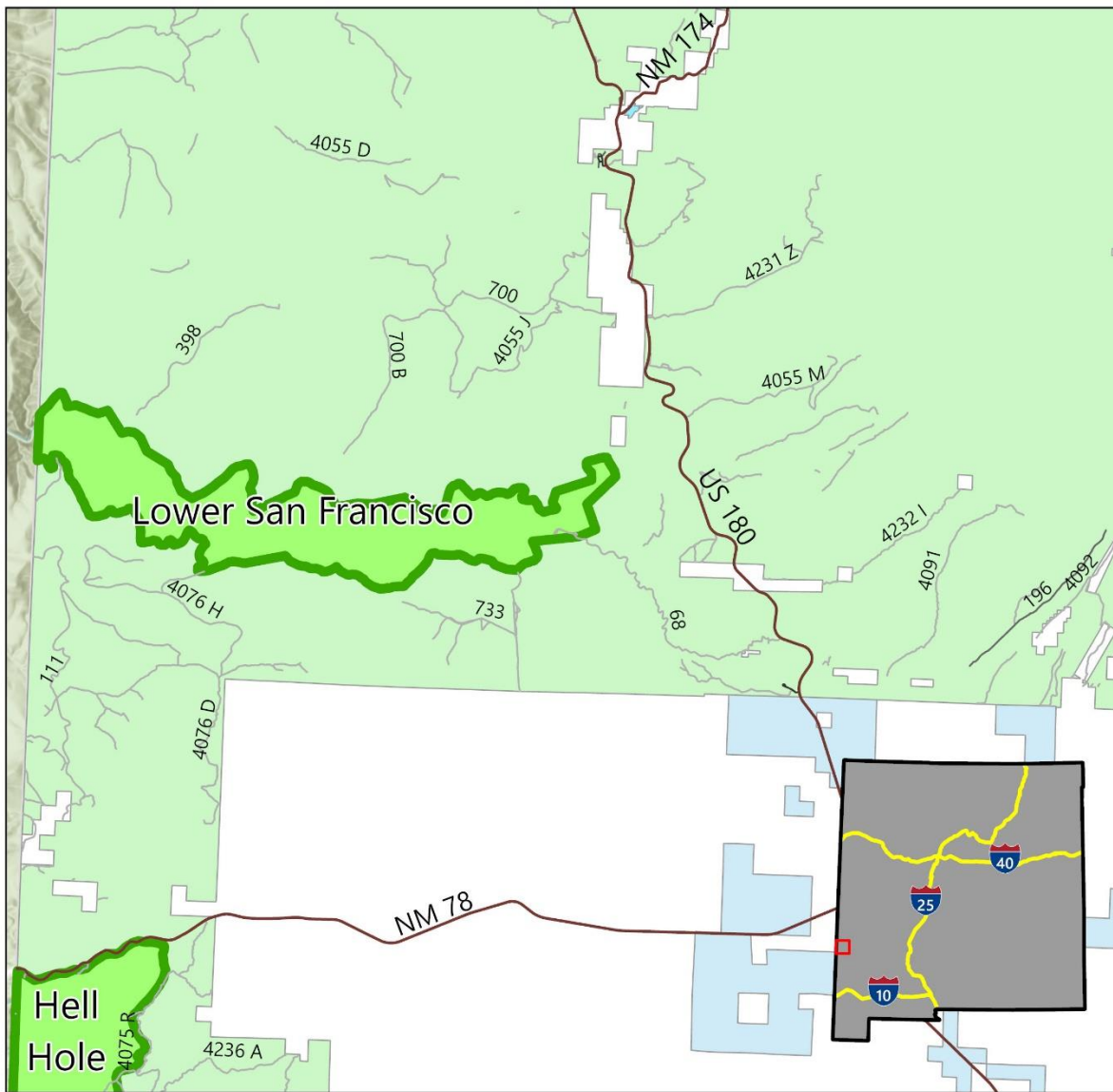
Forest Service

https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other_fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=NM

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 179

Lower San Francisco WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- 5 - HIGH DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- State Game And Fish
- Major Rivers

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Hell Hole

Description:

19,000 acres southwest of Mule Creek at an elevation of 5,400-7,470 ft. With few marked trails, hiking in this area may be difficult. It is most accessible in the spring, summer and fall.

Access Point:

From Highway 12, two county roads B040 and B034, head north. These and the ancillary dirt roads branching from them provide access to the WSA's western and northern sections.

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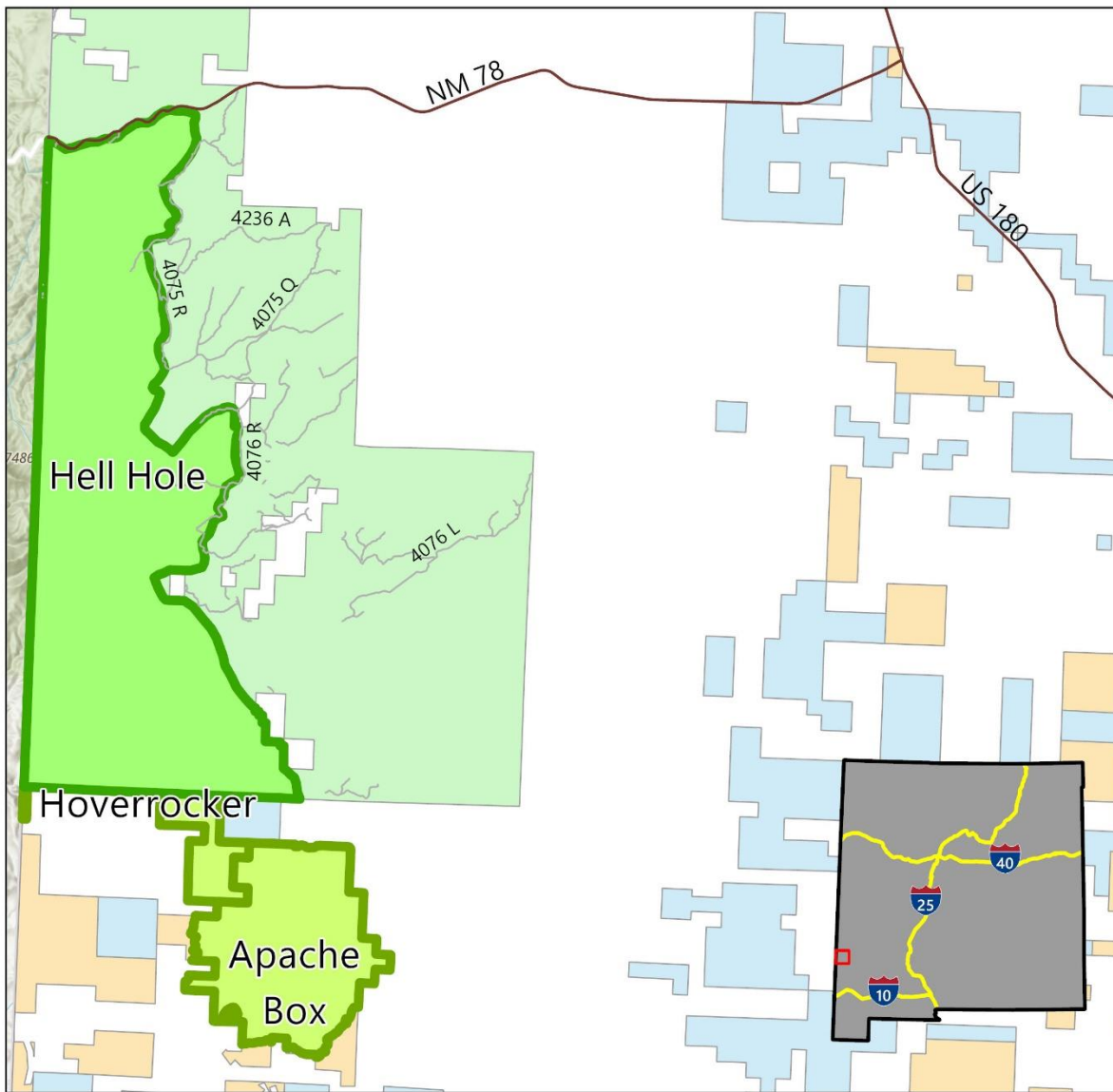
Forest Service

https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other_fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=NM

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 178

Hell Hole WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Whitmire Canyon

Description:

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Access Point:

Access to this area is extremely difficult. From Interstate 10 take County Road 12, also known as Summit Road, north from Steins for 10.5 miles then turn left on County Road 15, which forms the southern boundary of the Peloncillo Mountains WSA. South of Interstate 10, Highway 80 passes through the Peloncillo Mountains west of Animas. From Highway 338, south of Animas, County Road 2, also called the Geronimo Trail, west toward Douglas, crossing the Peloncillo Mountains. The Whitmire Canyon WSA is north of this road.

Agency Point of Contact:

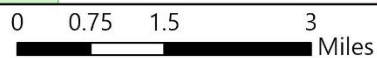
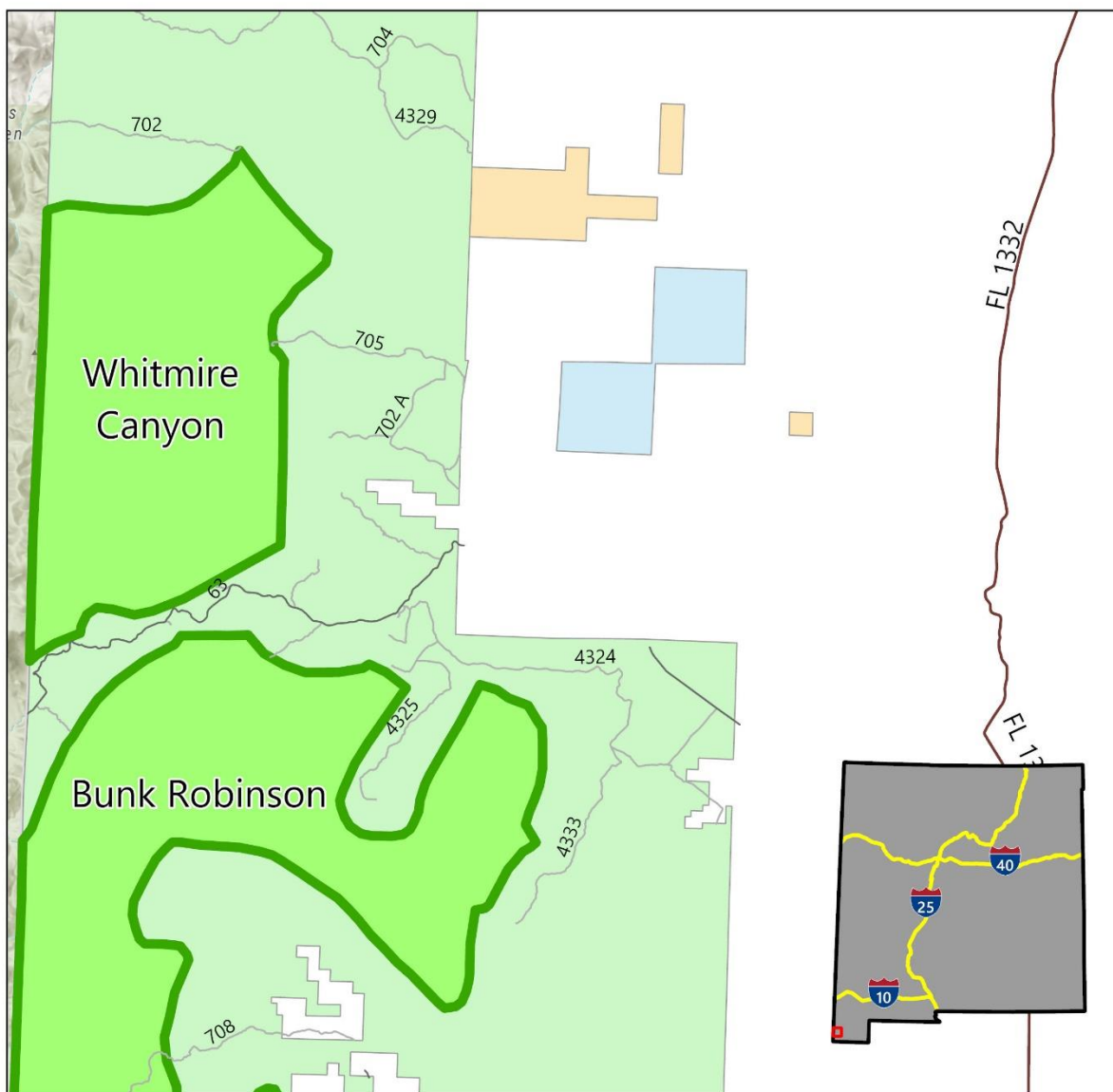
Forest Service

https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other_fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=NM

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 232

Whitmire Canyon WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Bunk Robinson

Description:

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Access Point:

Access to this area is extremely difficult. From Interstate 10 take County Road 12, also known as Summit Road, north from Steins for 10.5 miles then turn left on County Road 15, which forms the southern boundary of the Peloncillo Mountains WSA. South of Interstate 10, Highway 80 passes through the Peloncillo Mountains west of Animas. From Highway 338, south of Animas, County Road 2, also called the Geronimo Trail, west toward Douglas, crossing the Peloncillo Mountains. The Bunk Robinson WSA is south of this road.

Agency Point of Contact:

Forest Service

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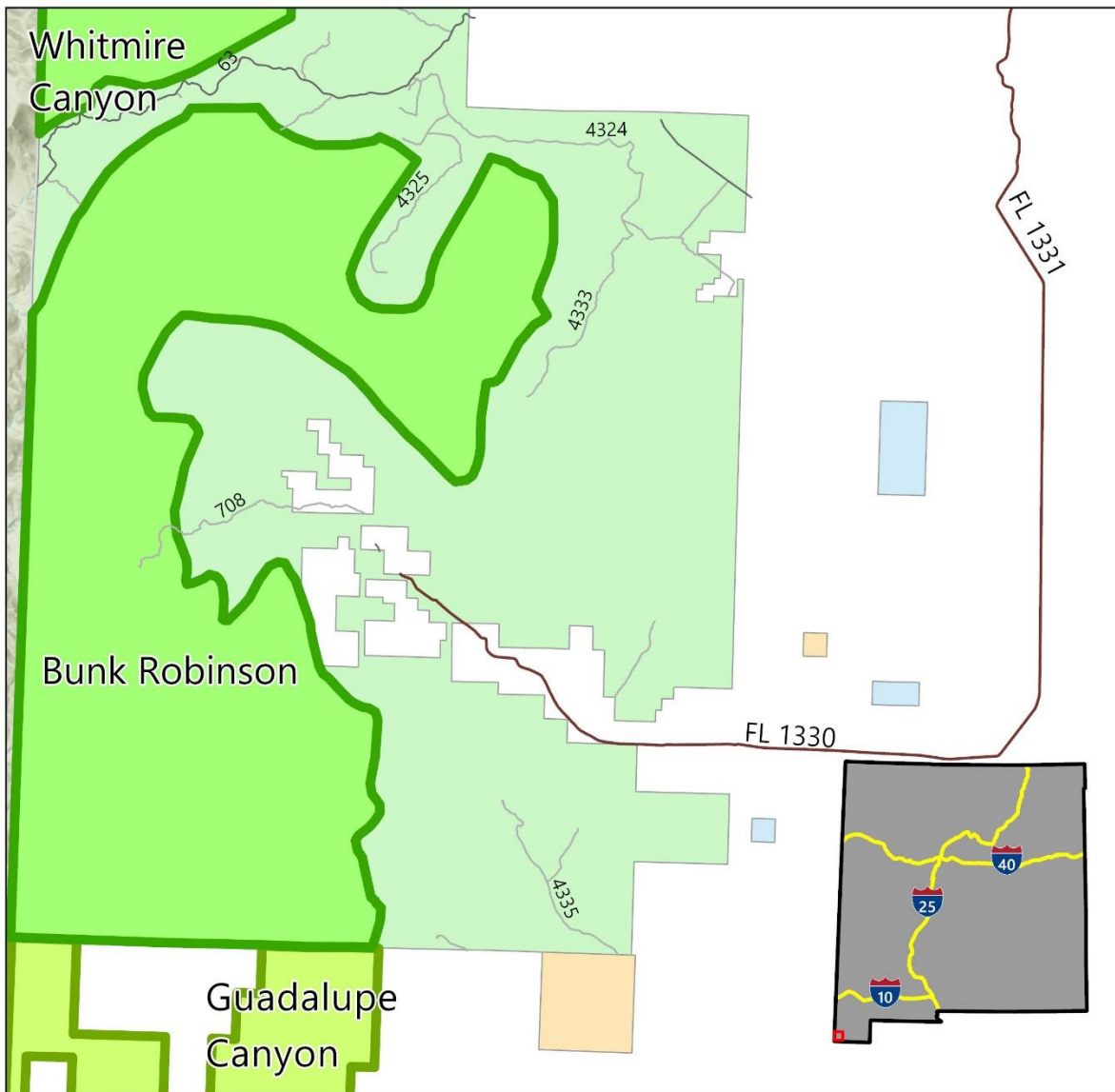
Hikes:

[Blackwater Hole Trail](#), 4.5 miles

Inventory Reference: N/A

Wild Guide Reference: p. 232

Bunk Robinson WSA



- Roads
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- USFS Wilderness Study Area
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- BLM
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Major Rivers

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Additional Resources:

[BLM New Mexico Public Lands Recreation Guide](#)

[Topography Maps](#)

[New Mexico Wilderness Areas: The Complete Guide](#)

[State Map](#)

[BLM AIM Map](#)