

Dogwater Creek

Findings

INVENTORY UNIT ACRES		
Federal	State	Total
With Wilderness Characteristics		
3,500	0	3,500 (92%)
Without Wilderness Characteristics		
300	0	300 (8%)
Inventory Unit Total		
3,800	0	3,800
Contiguous Area-Wilderness Characteristics		
Capitol Reef National Park—		27,040
Red Canyon Units		

Most of the Dogwater Creek inventory unit (3,500 acres) has wilderness characteristics; it is roadless and appears natural. Several abandoned and impassable ways are located in the northern and eastern portions of the unit near South Coleman Creek and the Notom Road, respectively. A stock pond, a fence, and an old seismographic survey line are within unit boundaries but are not substantially noticeable in the landscape. Capitol Reef National Park's Red Canyon units, which are administratively endorsed for wilderness, form the western and southern boundaries of this unit. When considered in combination with the National Park Service (NPS) units, most of the Dogwater Creek inventory unit has outstanding opportunities for both solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation. Moreover, when the Red Canyon units are combined with this inventory unit, the total area exceeds 5,000 acres. A small portion of the unit (300 acres) is cut off from the main area by private land and lacks wilderness characteristics.

Unit Description

The Dogwater Creek inventory unit is in northern Garfield County approximately 18 miles south of Utah Highway 24 and west of the Notom Road. Capitol Reef National Park lies on the western and southern boundaries of this unit. A section of private land contiguous to the park's eastern boundary separates a small northwest parcel from the remainder of the unit. The northern boundary is formed by private lands south of Oak Creek. The Dogwater Creek inventory unit is composed entirely of public lands. The topography consists mainly of rolling foothills on the eastern slope of the Waterpocket Fold. The unit is sparsely vegetated with scattered juniper trees and desert-type shrubs such as blackbrush, rabbitbrush, and Mormon tea. Cottonwoods appear in washes along Oak Creek and South Coleman Creek. Livestock grazing is the principal use within the unit. There is no evidence of recreational use.

Wilderness Characteristics

Naturalness

Most of the Dogwater Creek inventory unit retains its natural character and the unit is roadless. Several abandoned and impassable vehicle ways are located within the unit, principally in the north near South Coleman Creek and in the eastern portion near the Notom Road. The unit also contains 0.75 mile of fence and approximately 0.75 mile of old seismographic survey line. One stock pond is located just south of Sandy Draw. However, the fence, old seismographic survey line, and stock pond are not substantially noticeable in the landscape.

Outstanding Opportunities

Solitude

The Dogwater Creek inventory unit is contiguous to lands within Capitol Reef National Park that have been endorsed for wilderness designation by the NPS. The Red Canyon units on NPS lands have outstanding opportunities for solitude. In combination with these NPS lands, a portion of the Dogwater Creek inventory unit also has outstanding opportunities for solitude.

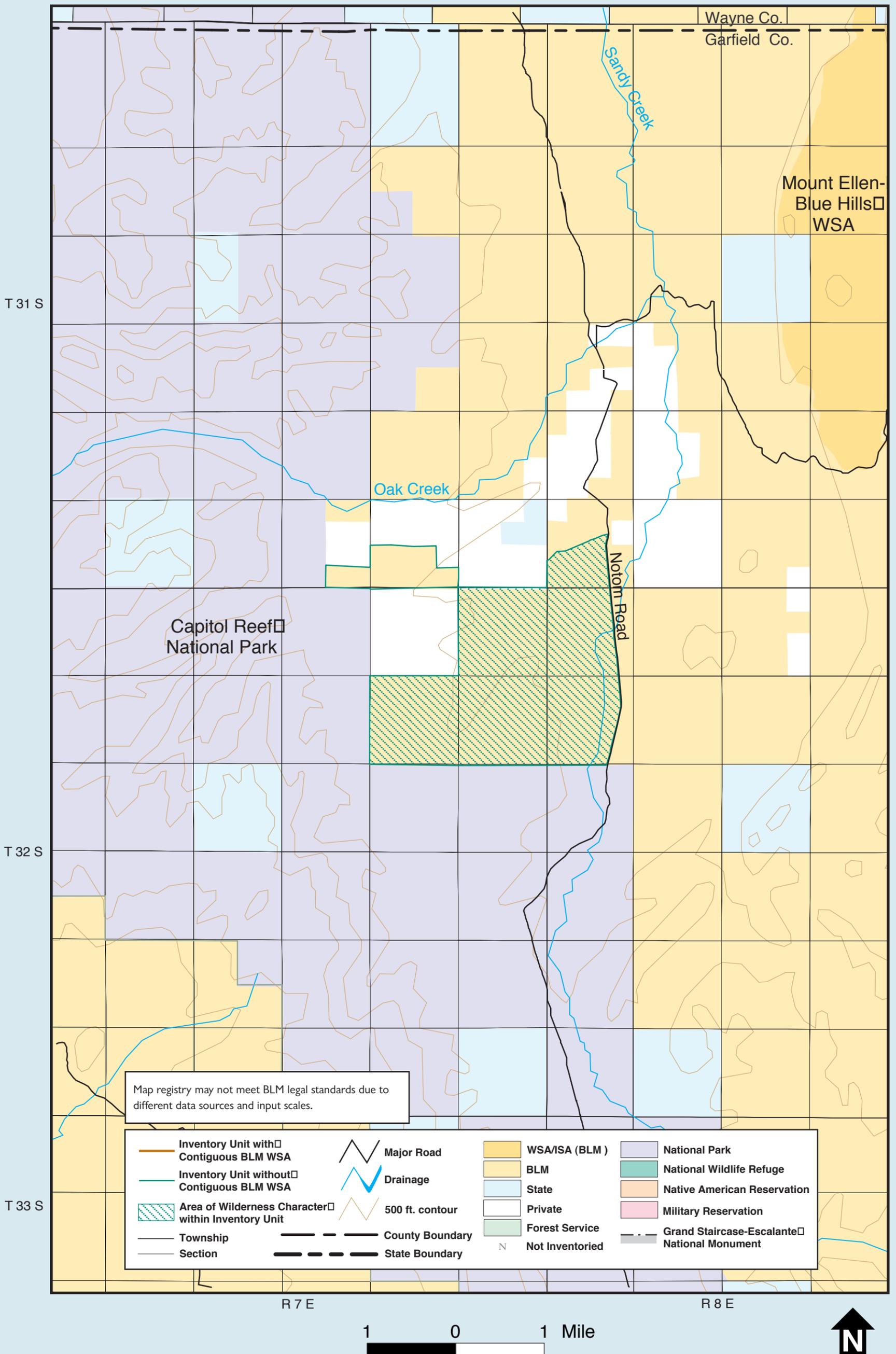
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

The Dogwater Creek inventory unit is contiguous to lands within Capitol Reef National Park that have been endorsed for wilderness designation by the NPS. The Red Canyon units on NPS lands have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. In combination with these NPS lands, a portion of the Dogwater Creek inventory unit also has outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Supplemental Values

No supplemental values have been identified.

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