

Level 4 Potential Conservation Area (PCA) Report

Name Uncompahgre River at Ridgway

Site Code S.USCOHP*19066

IDENTIFIERS

Site ID 1987 Site Class PCA
Site Alias None

Network of Conservation Areas (NCA)

<u>NCA Site ID</u>	<u>NCA Site Code</u>	<u>NCA Site Name</u>
666	S.USCOHP*19025	Uncompahgre River

LOCATORS

Nation United States Latitude 380954N
State Colorado Longitude 1074456W

Quad Code Quad Name

38107-B7 Ridgway
38107-B6 Dallas

County

Ouray (CO)

Watershed Code Watershed Name

14020006 Uncompahange

SITE DESCRIPTION

Minimum Elevation	6,960.00 Feet	2,121.00 Meters
Maximum Elevation	7,000.00 Feet	2,134.00 Meters

Site Description

This is a small section of the Uncompahgre River containing an example of the relict riparian community that was probably once more abundant along the river. It is adjacent to the new riverway bicycle-hiking trail, and includes a picnic area on BLM land. Interpretive signs have been installed, emphasizing the importance of riparian areas to wildlife.

Key Environmental Factors

No Data

Climate Description

No Data

Land Use History

No Data

Cultural Features

No Data

SITE DESIGN

Site Map Y - Yes Mapped Date 11/01/1998

Designer Lyon, M.J.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the occurrence of the riparian community only.

Primary Area 108.21 Acres 43.79 Hectares

SITE SIGNIFICANCE

Biodiversity Significance Rank B4: Moderate Biodiversity Significance

Biodiversity Significance Comments

This site contains a fair (C-ranked) occurrence of a globally vulnerable (G3) riparian plant community, *Populus angustifolia* / *Salix eriocephala* var. *ligulifolia* - *Shepherdia argentea*.

Other Values Rank No Data

Other Values Comments

No Data

LAND MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Land Use Comments

No Data

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Natural Hazard Comments

No Data

Exotics Comments

No Data

Offsite

No Data

Information Needs

No Data

ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS OF BIODIVERSITY

<u>Element</u>			<u>Global</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Driving</u>
<u>State ID</u>	<u>State Scientific Name</u>	<u>State Common Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Site Rank</u>
24496	<i>Populus angustifolia</i> / <i>Salix ligulifolia</i> - <i>Shepherdia argentea</i> Woodland	Narrowleaf Cottonwood Riparian Forests	G3	S3	Yes

REFERENCES

<u>Reference ID</u>	<u>Full Citation</u>
164643	Lyon, P. 1998. Colorado Natural Heritage Program Field Survey of the Uncompahgre Basin.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Additional Topics

No Data

VERSION

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