

Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Addition

Eagle Mountain is home to elk, deer, black bears, many raptors, and a whole spectrum of native animals, plants and birds. It is an important link between two well protected areas.

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Citizens Wilderness Proposal: 316 acres
BLM Wilderness Study Area: 0 acres
BLM Field Office: Grand Junction Field Office (Grand Junction)
Location: The Eagle Mountain addition to the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness is located 10 miles west of Aspen in Pitkin County.

Wilderness Qualities

The Eagle Mountain addition consists of a steep, wooded hillside encompassing the lower elevation slopes of one of the high ridges of the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. Stands of aspen and spruce-fir forest are intermingled with mountain shrubs. Outstanding panoramic views of the high peaks within the wilderness and the Snowmass Creek valley are visible from the area's slopes.

Eagle Mountain is home to deer, elk, mountain lion, and bear, but is generally used only as summer range for most species. Hunting is the primary recreational use of this area.

The addition of Eagle Mountain to the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness will more defensibly define the boundary of the existing wilderness by generally following topographic contours. The existing boundary now slices straight across several steep hillsides.

Resource Information

Both citizens and BLM support wilderness designation of the entire area.



Wildflowers in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Addition. (Todd Patrick)

Maroon Bells Addition Proposed Wilderness Area

