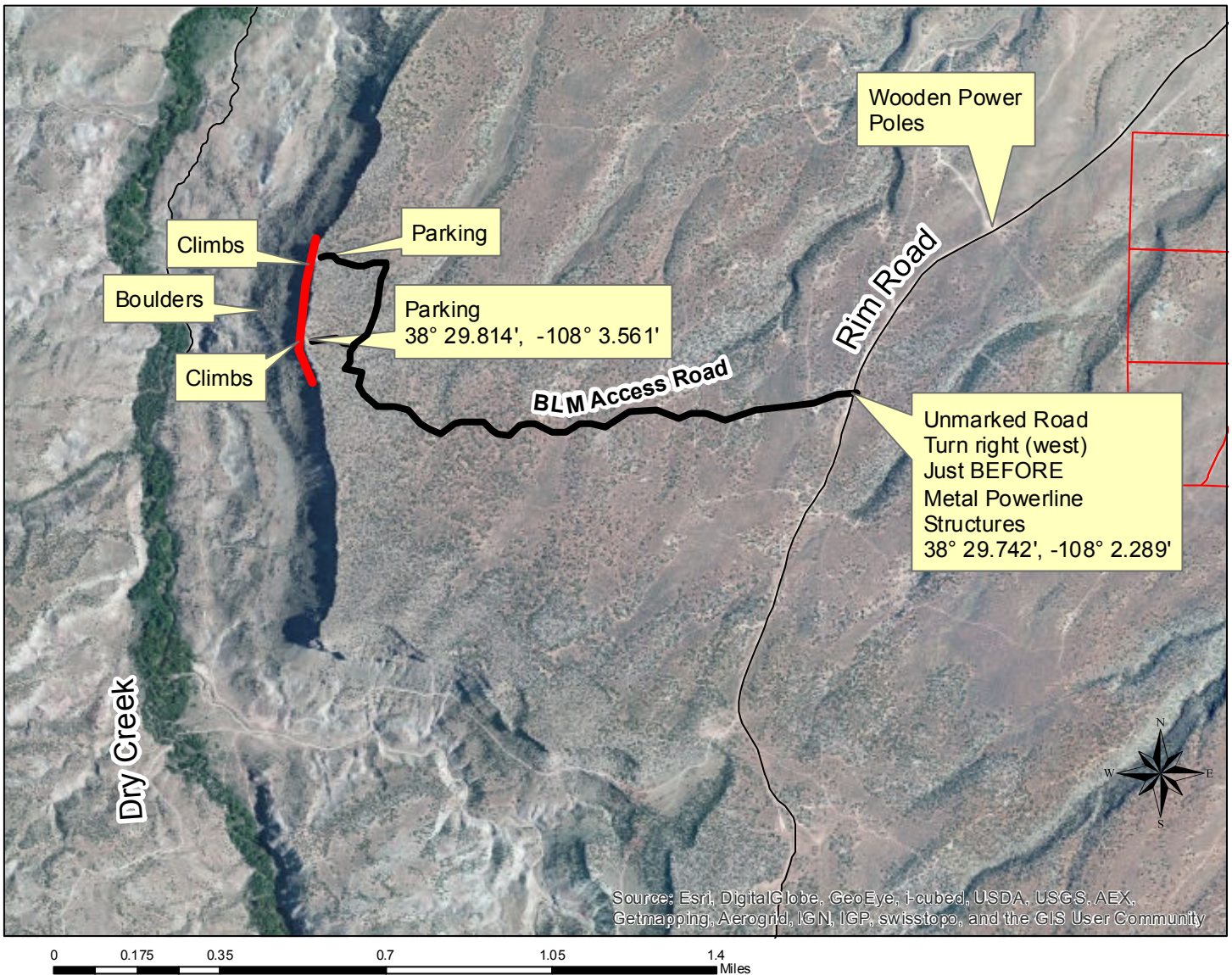


# Dry Creek Climbing Area



Directions: Follow Main St. straight west out of town. This same road changes its name to Spring Creek Road. After just over 6 miles, turn right (north) on 58.75 Rd. Follow 58.75 Rd. 3 miles north. The road descends off a mesa. Near the base of the descent, turn left (west) on Kiowa Rd. Follow Kiowa west about a mile. The road crosses a canal and heads south, changing its name to Shavano Valley Rd. Go south one-quarter mile, then head right (west) up Rim Rd. There is a large trailhead parking lot for the Tabaguache Trail here.

Follow Rim Road about 2 miles to the third BLM-designated open road on the right (AFTER you cross under the wooden power poles, and just BEFORE you pass under the metal powerline structures). This 4WD road is about a mile in length and leads you to the top of the canyon rim above the climbing area. Go right at the first fork, and left at the second fork. There is a technical 4WD step just before the second fork. After making this left, go about 100 yards to the cliff. The roads described here are all legal, open routes designated with an arrow symbol on a sign. Ignore unmarked or closed roads or these directions won't work.

Accessing the climbs: There are a few descent gullies that a dog may or may not be able to descend with you, depending on the dog's disposition. It is not necessary to rap in. Head north from the parking area about 200 yards until you see the obvious gully.

Equipment: 30-50 feet of webbing or static rope for top anchors; rock gear for setting top anchors; 8 quickdraws. A few trad lines exist, but are not often climbed.

Difficulty: The routes range from 5.5 to 5.13. There is something for everyone.