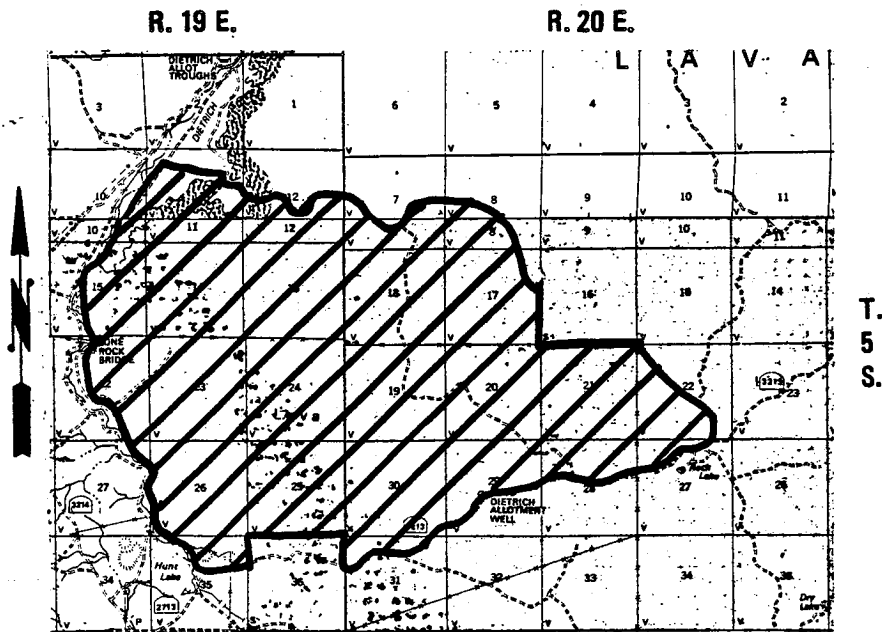


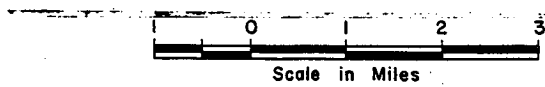


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LONE ROCK



LEGEND

-  WILDERNESS STUDY AREA
-  AREA WITHOUT CHARACTERISTICS



The April 1980 proposed decision included the following evaluation of wilderness characteristics.

**SIZE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

The unit contains 10,934 acres of BLM land. The unit lies five miles south of Richfield, on a flat expanse of weathered lava. Rock outcrops add occasional variety to the terrain but topographical relief is minimal. Dominant vegetation throughout the unit is sagebrush and annual and perennial grasses. Some small shrubs are found in shaded areas of the lava formations.

**NATURALNESS:**

Two access routes, which do not meet the road definition, but are substantial imprints on naturalness, pass into or through the unit. These routes effectively split the unit into three smaller parcels, which do not meet the size criteria.

**SOLITUDE:**

The unit contains very little topographical relief which can screen visitors from the sights and sounds of one another. Some portions of the unit contain a large subspecies of sagebrush which provides a limited degree of vegetative screening. There is no portion of the unit which is considered to have both topographical and vegetative screening to provide visitors an outstanding opportunity to enjoy solitude.

**PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED RECREATION:**

The unit provides very little opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation. The flat topography with very little vegetative variation creates a dull landscape with few scenic qualities. Lack of scenic features makes recreation opportunities such as hiking and horseback riding less than outstanding. This unit is not considered to have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

**SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES:**

The unit contains burrowing owl nesting sites and sage grouse strutting grounds.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY:**

Comments that favored identification as a study area are summarized as follows:

- The unit should be reviewed as a cluster (with six adjacent units).
- Access routes which do not meet the road criteria should not be used to divide the unit into parcels which do not meet the size criteria.
- Lack of vegetative and topographic screening does not diminish outstanding opportunities for solitude in the unit.
- The unit offers outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

Comments that agreed with dropping the unit noted a lack of naturalness due to imprints of man.

**COMMENT EVALUATION:**

**Roadless/Naturalness:**

Clustering of units which are separated by roads, in order to consider them as one unit, is not provided for in any of the Bureau of Land Management policy for conducting wilderness inventory. Each unit must be assessed on its own.

One access route that does not meet the road criteria, shows evidence of heavy use and has deep ruts along much of its length. This route is a clear imprint on the naturalness of the unit. In order to exclude it from the unit, the unit must be divided by the route. Two other access routes, one a mechanically constructed route for which rehabilitation is not feasible, must be excluded. The exclusion of these access routes splits the unit into parcels which do not meet size criteria.

**Solitude:**

It is generally recognized that the lack of topography and tall vegetation limits the opportunity to achieve solitude unless the area is large. Low vegetation on flat terrain can provide excellent screening if the area is large enough to allow other visitors or external influences to blend or disappear into the landscape. This unit, split into three parcels, is not large enough to allow a number of user groups or external influences to blend into the landscape.

**Primitive Recreation:**

The opportunity to achieve a primitive recreation experience is dependent upon the unit's size and ability to provide exceptional or unusual natural features and recreation attractions. Exceptional natural features are those which provide exceptional scenery, diversity of landform and/or mobility of travel for a visitor, and would result in a strong recreation attraction to an area for one or more types of activities.

This unit has neither the size nor the exceptional or unusual natural features to provide primitive recreation opportunities which could be considered outstanding.

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**DECISION:**

No new information was received through public comments that would warrant a change in the decision. The unit is not identified as a wilderness study area due to a lack of naturalness, and to a lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude and for primitive recreation.

The April 1980 proposed decision included the following evaluation of wilderness characteristics.

**SIZE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

The unit contains 21,544 acres of BLM land with a 640 acre State land inholding. Old weathered lava covers the unit. There is very little relief with the plain covered with sagebrush and grasses.

**NATURALNESS:**

Three access routes along the east side of the unit are substantially noticeable imprints on naturalness. The boundary should be changed to delete acreage in the vicinity of these access routes. This boundary change also results in the cherrystemming of an access route which extends into the portion of the unit which meets the naturalness criteria. Another access route has caused the deletion of a parcel of land on the west side of the unit. All major imprints of man on the naturalness of the unit have been deleted.

**SOLITUDE:**

The unit contains very little topographical relief which can screen visitors from the sights and sounds of others. Some portions of the unit contain a large subspecies of sagebrush which provides a limited degree of vegetative screening. No portion of the unit is judged to contain adequate topographical and vegetative screening to provide visitors an outstanding opportunity to enjoy solitude.

**PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED RECREATION:**

The unit provides little opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation. The flat topography with little vegetative variation creates a dull landscape with few scenic qualities. Lack of scenic features makes recreation opportunities such as hiking and horseback riding less than outstanding. The unit is judged to not offer outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

**SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES:**

Rock monuments are found in the unit, which may have archaeological or historical significance.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY:**

Comments in favor of study area identification are summarized as follows:

- The unit should be reviewed as a cluster (with six adjacent units).
- Access routes which do not meet the road criteria should not be used to divide the unit into parcels which do not meet the size criteria.
- Lack of vegetative and topographic screening does not diminish outstanding opportunities for solitude in the unit.
- The unit offers outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

Comments that agreed with dropping the unit noted a lack of naturalness due to imprints of man.

**COMMENT EVALUATION:**

**Roadless/Naturalness:**

Clustering of units which are separated by roads, in order to consider them as one unit, is not provided for in any of the Bureau of Land Management policy for conducting wilderness inventory. Each unit must be assessed on its own.

Two access routes are noticeable imprints of man on the naturalness of the unit. Rehabilitation of these routes through the use of hand tools is not feasible given the length of the routes. Another access route does meet the road criteria. All three routes have been excluded from the unit. To do this some small parcels have been cut off from the main portion of the unit and excluded with the access routes. As mentioned in the proposed decision, the remaining portion of the unit meets the size and naturalness criteria.

**Solitude:**

It is generally recognized that the lack of topography and tall vegetation limits the opportunity to achieve solitude unless the area is large. Low vegetation on flat terrain can provide excellent screening if the area is large enough to allow other visitors or external influences to blend or disappear into the landscape. This unit is not large enough to allow a number of user groups or external influences to blend into the landscape.

**Primitive Recreation:**

The opportunity to achieve a primitive recreation experience is dependent upon the unit's size and ability to provide exceptional or unusual natural features and recreation attractions. Exceptional natural features are those which provide exceptional scenery, diversity of landform and/or mobility of travel for a visitor, and would result in a strong recreation attraction to an area for one or more types of activities.

This unit has neither the size nor the exceptional or unusual natural features to provide primitive recreation opportunities which could be considered outstanding.

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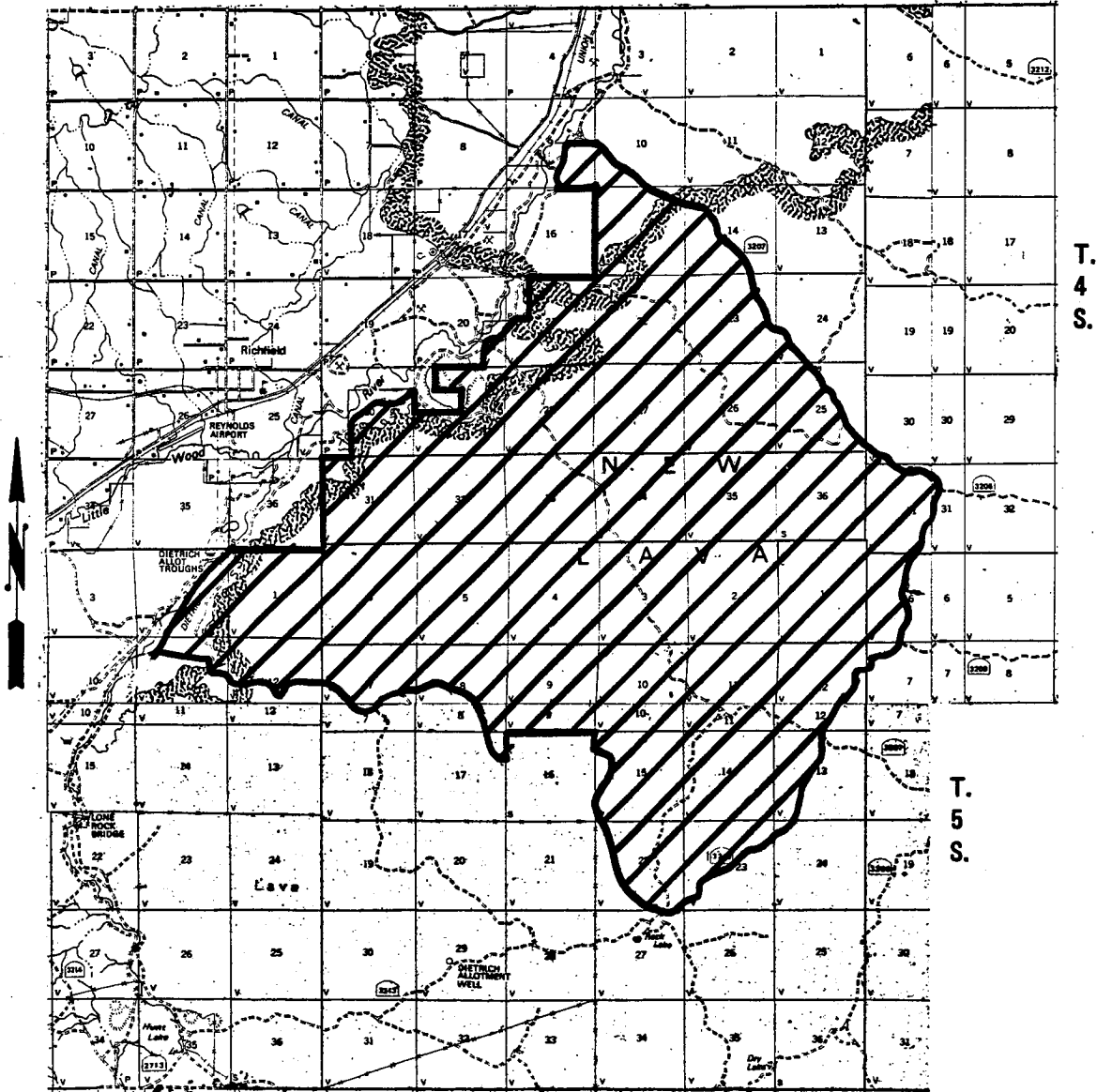
**DECISION:**

No new information was received through public comments that would warrant a change in the decision. The unit is not identified as a wilderness study area due to a lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude and for primitive recreation.

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LEGEND



WILDERNESS STUDY AREA

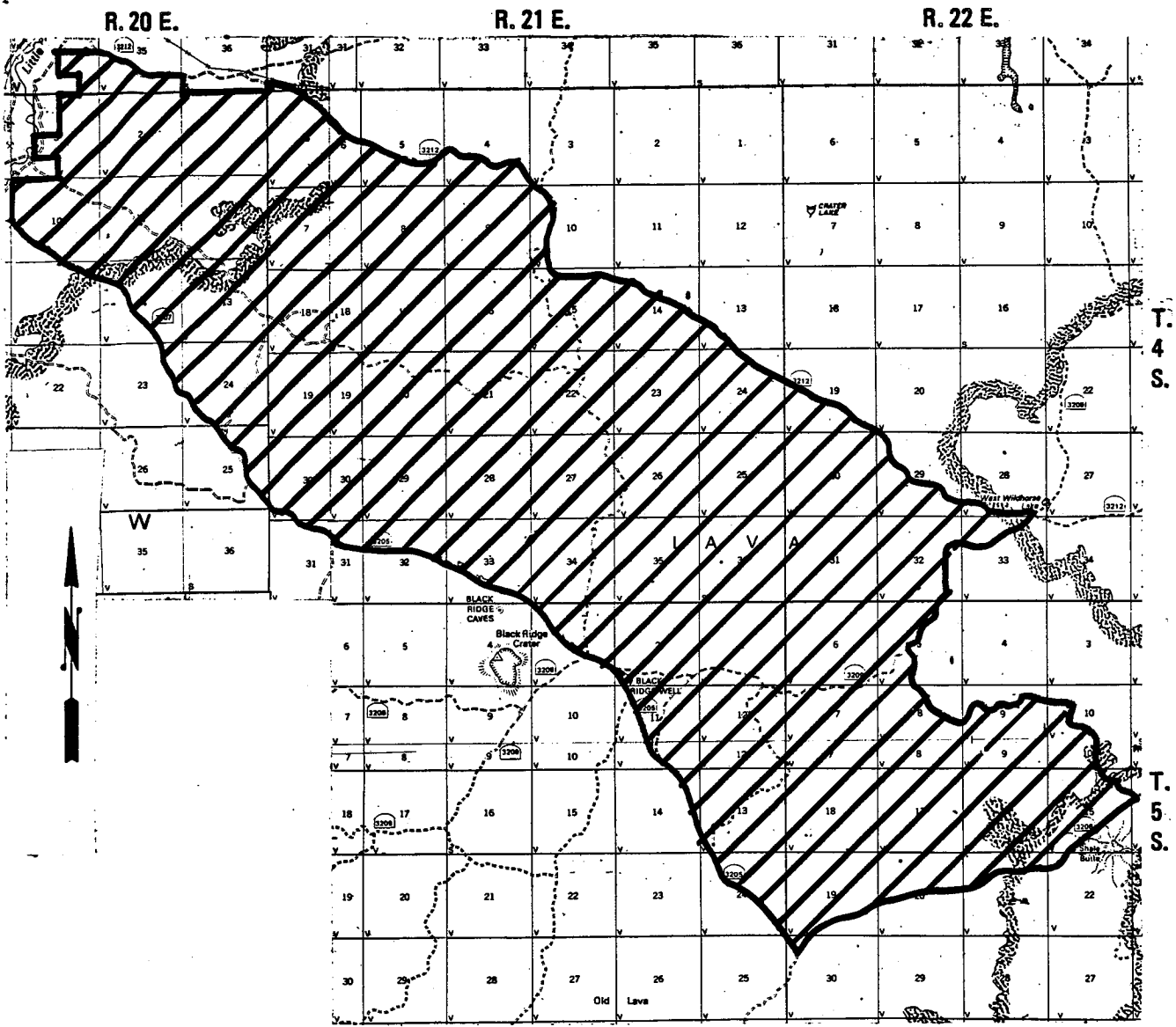


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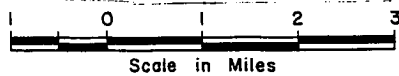
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LEGEND

-  WILDERNESS STUDY AREA
-  AREA WITHOUT CHARACTERISTICS



The April 1980 proposed decision included the following evaluation of wilderness characteristics.

**SIZE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

The unit contains 33,116 acres of BLM land, with State land inholdings of 1,280 acres. This figure differs from the 39,169 acres shown in the August, 1979, report, due solely to more accurate calculation methods, not to any deletion of land. The unit is relatively flat grassland terrain, with increasing topographical relief in interior portions. Old weathered and new lava formations add variety to the landscape. Sagebrush is the dominant vegetation.

**NATURALNESS:**

Two access routes, which meet the road definition have caused a parcel of land to be deleted from the southern part of the unit. Two other routes, which are substantial imprints on naturalness, divide the remainder of the unit into three parcels which are larger than 5,000 acres in size.

An access route, not considered a road, extends through the western part of the unit. Two other short access routes, extend into the unit from the northern boundary. All major imprints on naturalness have been deleted from the unit. These deletions have split the parcel into three smaller parcels, which have only minor imprints on naturalness within them.

**SOLITUDE:**

None of the unit is considered to offer outstanding opportunities for solitude. Since the unit is broken into three smaller parcels by major imprints on naturalness, and it is uniformly flat with little vegetative screening, it is not large enough to provide visitors much opportunity to escape the sights and sounds of others.

**PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED RECREATION:**

The unit offers the opportunity to experience primitive recreation activities such as hiking, camping, photography, and nature study. None of these opportunities are judged to be outstanding.

**SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES:**

The unit contains burrowing owl nests (sensitive species), cairns which could have historical significance, and old weathered and new lava formations which provide opportunities for geologic and biologic studies of succession on lava flows. There are also excellent opportunities for ecological studies of high desert ecosystems.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY:**

Comments that favored study area identification are summarized as follows:

- The unit should be reviewed as a cluster (with six adjacent units).
- Access routes which do not meet the road criteria should not be used to divide the unit into parcels which do not meet the size criteria.
- Lack of vegetative and topographic screening does not diminish outstanding opportunities for solitude in the unit.
- The unit offers outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

Comments that agreed with dropping the unit noted a lack of naturalness, due to imprints of man.

**COMMENT EVALUATION:**

**Roadless/Naturalness:**

Clustering of units which are separated by roads in order to consider them as one unit is not provided for in any of the Bureau of Land Management policy for conducting wilderness inventory. Each unit must be assessed on its own.

Three access routes pass through or extend into the unit. All of these routes meet the road criteria. In order to exclude these routes from the unit two small parcels of land have also been excluded.

Another access route extends for five miles through the unit. It was mechanically constructed as a firebreak but does not meet the road criteria. As a noticeable imprint on the naturalness of the unit, however, this route must be excluded from the unit.

The exclusion of two of the access routes divide the unit into three parcels. As mentioned in the proposed action these parcels do meet the size criteria. Except for the exclusion of some parcels in the western portion of the unit, due to imprints of man on naturalness, these parcels also meet the naturalness criteria.

**Solitude:**

It is generally recognized that the lack of topography and tall vegetation limits the opportunity to achieve solitude unless the area is large. Low vegetation on flat terrain can provide excellent screening if the area is large enough to allow other visitors or external influences to blend or disappear into the landscape. This unit, split into three parcels, is not large enough to allow a number of user groups or external influences to blend into the landscape.

**Primitive Recreation:**

The opportunity to achieve a primitive recreation experience is dependent upon the unit's size and ability to provide exceptional or unusual natural features and recreation attractions. Exceptional natural features are those which provide exceptional scenery, diversity of landform and/or mobility of travel for a visitor, and would result in a strong recreation attraction to an area for one or more types of activities.

This unit has neither the size nor the exceptional or unusual natural features to provide primitive recreation opportunities which could be considered outstanding.

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**DECISION:**

No new information was received through public comments that would warrant a change in the decision. The unit is not identified as a wilderness study area due to a lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude and for primitive recreation.

57-12 LAIDLAW BUTTE

The April 1980 proposed decision included the following evaluation of wilderness characteristics.

SIZE AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The unit contains 9,868 acres of BLM land, with 640 acres of State land inholdings. The unit is dominated by Laidlaw Butte, elevation 5,355 feet. Desert grasslands rise gently upslope to this prominent landmark. Vegetation is primarily sagebrush, rabbitbrush, and grasses.

NATURALNESS:

Two access routes which can be defined as roads divide the unit into three parcels, none of which are over 5,000 acres. Therefore the parcels do not meet the size criteria.

SOLITUDE:

Outstanding opportunities for solitude are judged not to exist in the unit. Minimal vegetative and topographical screening make it difficult to find seclusion from others.

PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED RECREATION:

Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation exist within the unit, including hiking, camping, photography, nature study, hunting and horseback riding. None of these opportunities are judged to be outstanding.

SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES:

Pronghorn antelope, coyotes, and other species of wildlife are found in the unit. Laidlaw Butte offers scenic and geological values.

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PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY:

Comments that opposed the proposed decision not to identify the unit as a study area are summarized as follows:

- The unit offers a natural area with solitude, wildlife, and recreation values.
- The unit has often been used to observe wildlife, primarily grouse in early spring.

Comments that agreed with dropping the unit noted a lack of naturalness, due to imprints of man.

COMMENT EVALUATION:

Roadless/Naturalness:

The unit is split into three small parcels by access routes which meet the road criteria. None of the parcels meet the size criteria. All of the parcels also contain range developments, primarily water reservoirs, which are major imprints of man on the naturalness of the unit. These imprints are highly visible from most portions of the unit because of the gentle slope of the land as it rises toward Laidlaw Butte. In Laidlaw Butte Crater another reservoir has been constructed and is plainly visible from the rim and the crater. Because these imprints of man are visible throughout the unit, it has been determined that the unit does not meet the naturalness criteria.

Solitude:

The gentle open slope of Laidlaw Butte, which occupies a central position in this unit, makes the entire unit, except for the crater, highly visible to anyone standing on the upper or lower portion of the slope. The crater area is too small and open to provide more than one group of users any solitude. For these reasons the opportunities for solitude in this unit are considered to be less than outstanding.

**Primitive Recreation:**

The opportunity to achieve a primitive recreation experience is dependent upon the unit's size and ability to provide exceptional or unusual natural features and recreational attractions. Exceptional natural features are those which provide exceptional scenery, diversity of landform and/or mobility of travel for a visitor, and would result in a strong recreation attraction to an area for one or more types of activities.

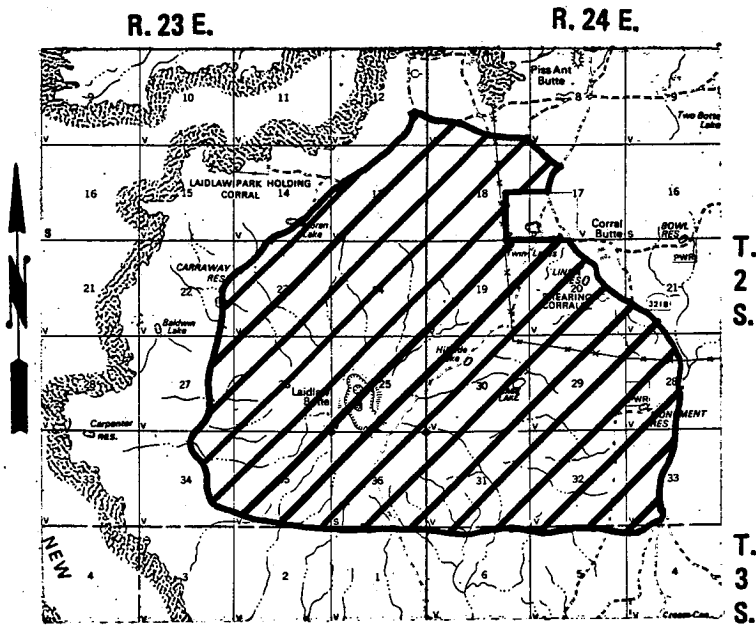
This unit has neither the size nor the exceptional or unusual natural features to provide primitive recreation opportunities which could be considered outstanding.

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**DECISION:**

No new information was received through public comments that would warrant a change in the decision. The unit is not identified as a wilderness study area due to a lack of naturalness, and a lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude and for primitive recreation.

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LAIDLAW BUTTE



LEGEND

-  WILDERNESS STUDY AREA
-  AREA WITHOUT CHARACTERISTICS

