

6301 - Wilderness Characteristics Inventory

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Meadow Grove CA-080-192A

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Conclusion

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.

Year 2013 Meadow Grove CA-080-192A

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

Yes

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory files, California Desert Conservation Area

Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Meadow Grove CA-080-192A

Map Name(s)/Number(s): USDI BLM California Desert Wilderness Final Inventory, Dec. 1979

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Barstow Field Office

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics:

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory files, BLM Barstow FO

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
192A	N/A	Y	N	N	N/A

Summarize any known primary reasons for prior findings in this table:

The unit was a small triangle shaped polygon with boundaries including a steel powerline, a buried telephone cable and Ghost Town Road. This unit was found to have a natural condition and a majority of area was public lands. Solitude, unconfined and primitive recreation were all deemed limited due to the small size of the unit, the flat terrain and lack of vegetated screening. This unit was not considered for wilderness.

Documentation of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

Unit Number/Name: CA-080-192A Meadow Grove

(1) Sufficient size

Acreage: Estimated at approximately 2,201.8 acres pending GIS calculation with a perimeter of roughly 10.4 miles.

Boundaries: This triangle shaped unit has the hypotenuse on the southern side. The eastern boundary is Fort Irwin Road, the southern boundary being a steel powerline and Designated Route MM7140.

Description of Current Conditions

Land ownership: A majority of the unit is managed by BLM with two sections of private lands and on parcel managed by the State.

Location: Area 192A is located in San Bernardino County in the center of the Barstow Resource Area. The unit is seven miles northeast of the City of Barstow and north of Interstate 15.

Topography: Mainly a flat valley with a handful of hills.

Vegetation features: The dominant vegetation type throughout the unit is scarce creosote bush scrub.

Major human uses/activities: This unit has an active surface mining site and evidence of off-highway vehicle. It appears that the unit receives light use outside these two endeavors.

(2) Natural condition

No

This area shows the evidence of human uses. The mine in the southeast corner along with off-highway vehicle tracks stand out in the unit.

(3) Outstanding opportunities for solitude

No

The small size of the unit does not support the achievement of solitude as a person cannot escape the presence of modern society, either in the mining use of the sound of vehicle use on Fort Irwin Road.

(4) Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation

No

The unit does not support this form of recreation but is a more outstanding location for motorized use and target shooting.

(5) Supplemental values

No

Appendix A

Images & Photos for Area 192A

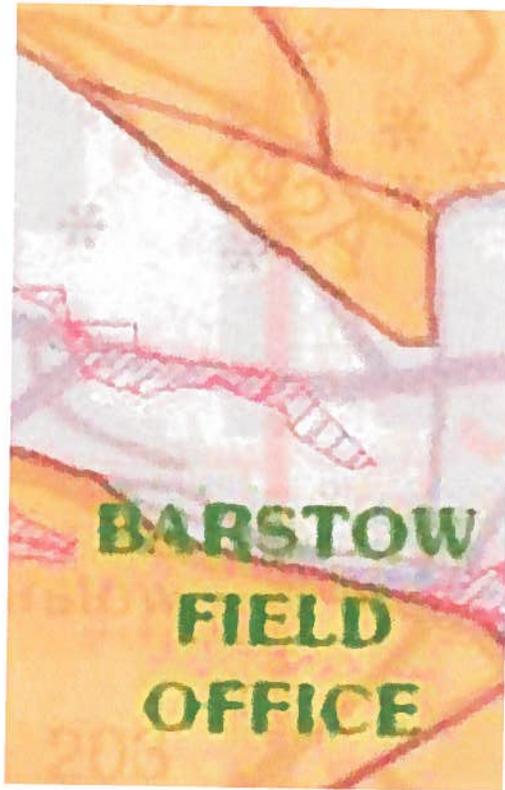


Image #1 - Area 192A boundaries just east of the City of Barstow



Photo #2 - Northwestern view of Area 192A off Fort Irwin Road

Appendix B

BLM California Desert Conservation Area Wilderness Final Inventory, Dec. 1979

Written Description & Map of Area 192A

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The area is mostly extremely flat and covered with Creosote Scrub vegetation. At the north, a large sand wash cuts through a series of low eroded hills of uniform light brown coloration.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

In the southern end, a few unmaintained ways are noticeable.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The extremely flat terrain and low vegetation within the roadless area provide no screening from nearby improvements, such as the large powerline structure along the southwest border or the telephone cable right-of-way on the southern border. Opportunities for solitude are extremely limited. Ways and permanent improvements within the area limit opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Uniformity of terrain offers little recreational diversity.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments received related to study phase factors.

AREA 192A

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This area is triangular with a buried telephone cable road as its northern boundary; Ghost Town Road as its eastern boundary; and, as its southern boundary, a steel-structure powerline.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is approximately 80 percent public land, with non-public holdings occurring in scattered sections.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The area is generally of very even terrain with a series of low eroded hills of light brown coloration toward the northwest.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area generally retains its natural condition, though several ways are visible.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The extremely flat terrain and low vegetation provide no screening from nearby improvements such as the large powerline and obvious scar of the telephone cable right-of-way. Opportunities for solitude are limited. The small size and elongated shape also limit opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, while the uniformity of terrain provides little diversity.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments received related to study phase factors.

AREA 193

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area's southern border is a buried telephone cable and maintenance road (Fossil Bed Road). The northern boundary is a curving, maintained dirt road connecting the cable road, Coolgardie Camp, and Copper City Road, which is the eastern boundary.

Appendix C

Current Land Status Map of Area 192A

Current Land Status for Area 192A

