

6301-Wilderness Characteristics Inventory

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-191 Lane Mountain

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
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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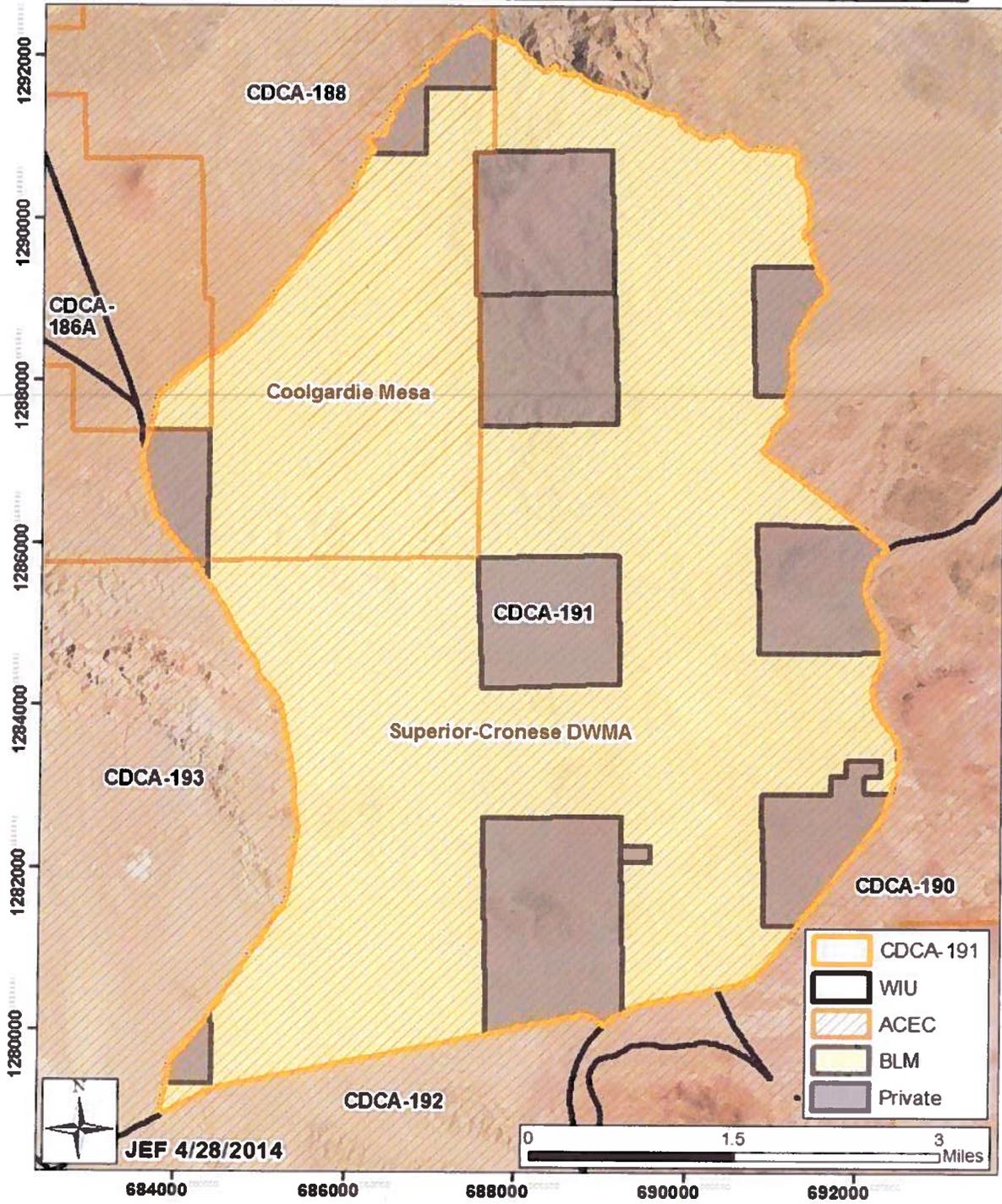
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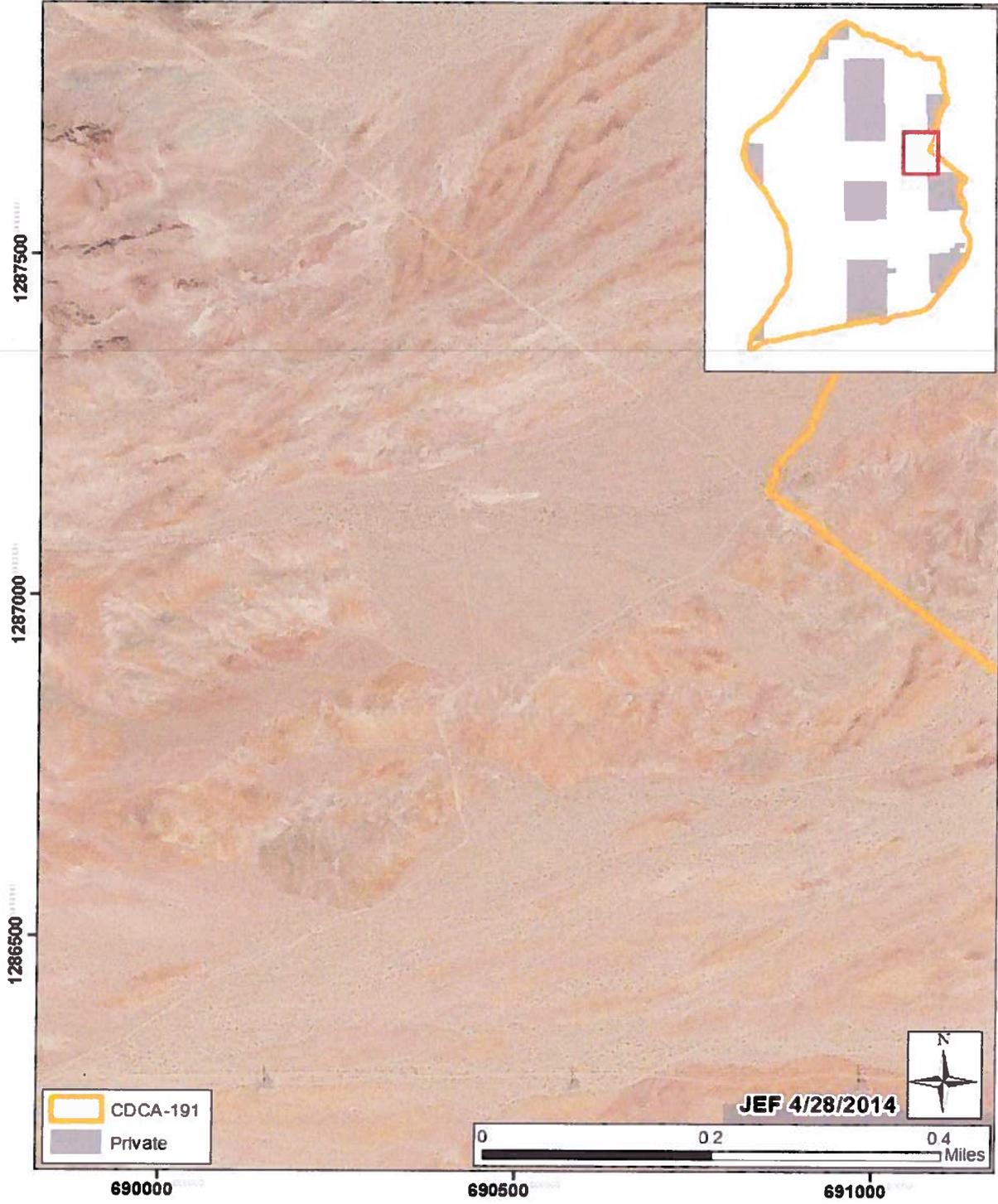
Appendix B
Map 1 - Current Land Status Map of Unit 191

CDCA-191 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 1



Appendix C
Map 2 – Roads in Eastern Portion of Unit

CDCA-191 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 2



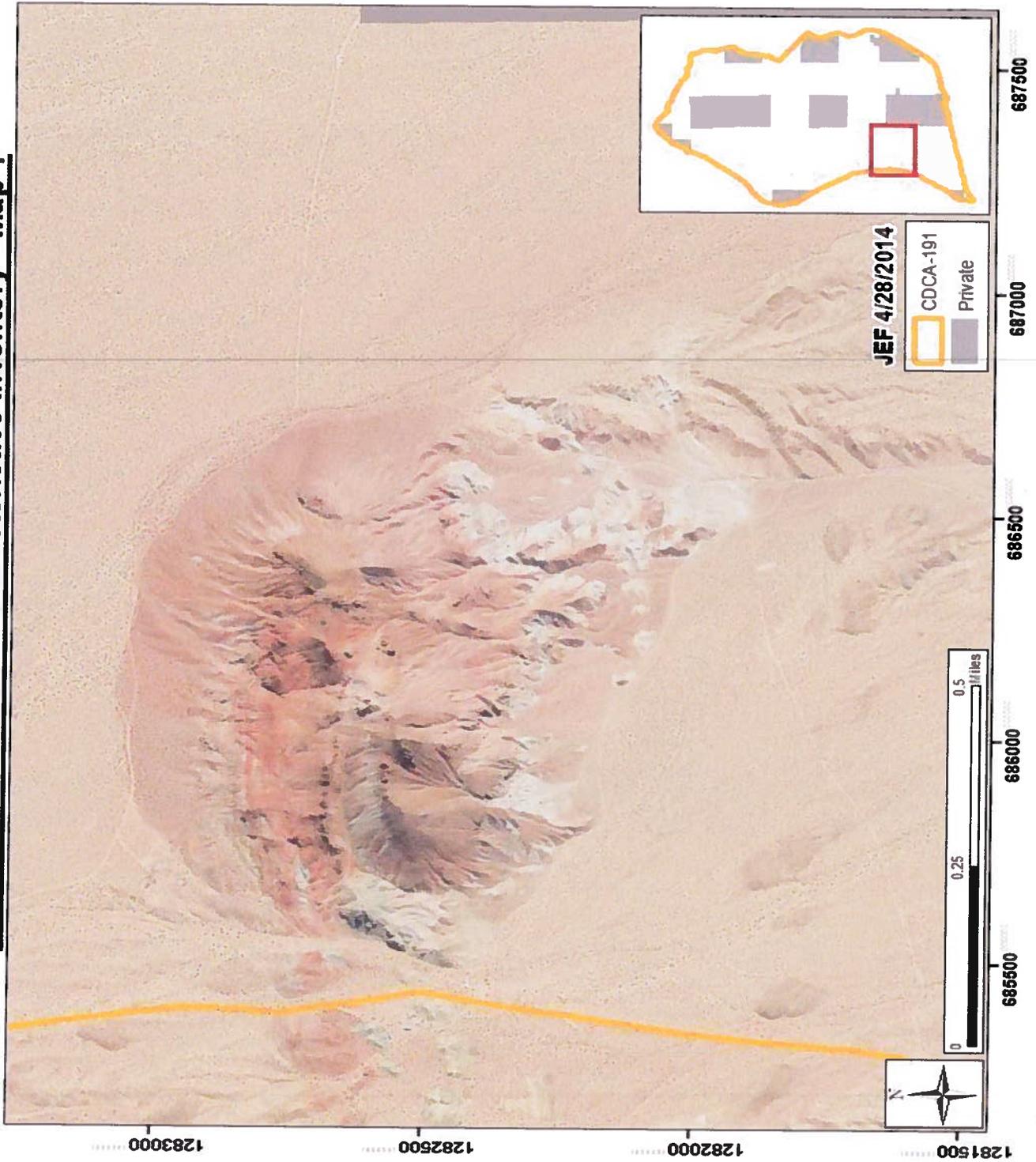
Appendix D
Map 3 – Roads West of Lane Mountain

CDCA-191 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 3



Appendix E
Map 4 – Roads in Southern Portion of Unit

CDCA-191 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 4



Year 2014

Inventory Name/Unit Number CA-080-191 Lane Mountain

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): CA-080-191 Lane Mountain

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
191	Not addressed	No	Yes	No	N/A

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

The 1979 inventory indicated boundaries of Copper City Road to the west, a dirt road to the north, and Fort Irwin Road to the east and south. The inventory described three well sites and a network of ways on the northwest side of Lane Mountain. In addition, the inventory stated that the lower half of the unit was dominated by the huge Speakeasy Mine, which disrupting the primeval character of the land. The unit contained opportunities for solitude, due to the eroded canyons of Lane Mountain, but not outstanding opportunities for primitive, unconfined recreation due to the visible imprints of man.

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence of Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-191 Lane Mountain

Total Acreage: 19,338 acres

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Boundaries: In the west, the area borders Copper City Road and a maintained dirt road to Lane Well. A dirt road from Lane Well connects with Fort Irwin Road through a large wash just north of Lane Mountain and comprises the northern boundary. Fort Irwin Road defines the eastern and southern boundaries.

(2) Does the unit appear to be natural?

Yes No X N/A

Natural Condition: The conditions described in the 1979 report have not changed nor have the conclusions about the area being heavily influenced by human activities. The area has numerous routes throughout the entire unit, as can be seen in maps 2-4. Some of these routes are designated and others are incursions that are not on designated routes. This unit is not primarily affected by natural forces.

Land Ownership: 75.5% of the unit (14,599 acres) is contiguous land managed by the BLM. Private lands constitute the remaining 24.5% (4789 acres) of the land.

Location: The unit is in San Bernardino County, approximately 9 miles north of Barstow, CA.

Topography: The area consists of a highly eroded interface between two alluvial plains of different altitudes. The upper plain contains Lane Mountain and lies at approximately 4000 feet, while the lower plain contains the northwest portion of the Calico Mountains at approximately 2800 feet.

Vegetation features: Creosote scrub and scattered Joshua trees dominate the two plains, while the interface of the two plains is sparsely vegetated. The unit also includes a portion of the Coolgardie Mesa Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), which is critical habitat (for the endangered Lane Mountain Milkvetch).

Major human uses/activities: The area contains a radio tower and two wells in the north and mining activity throughout. The public lands in the unit have a history of extensive mining as described in the 1979 report. OHV recreation use and RV camping is also prevalent throughout the area.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ____ No _ N/A X

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ____ No _ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes ____ No ____ N/A X
