

**6301 - Wilderness Characteristics Inventory
Summary of Findings and Conclusions**

Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-202-Slash X

Summary: CA-080-202-Slash X is bisected by Right of Way R 0173050 within the Stoddard Valley Open OHV Area, making both the north and south sections too small to be considered as lands with wilderness characteristics.

Results of analysis:

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

Conclusion:

 The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

X The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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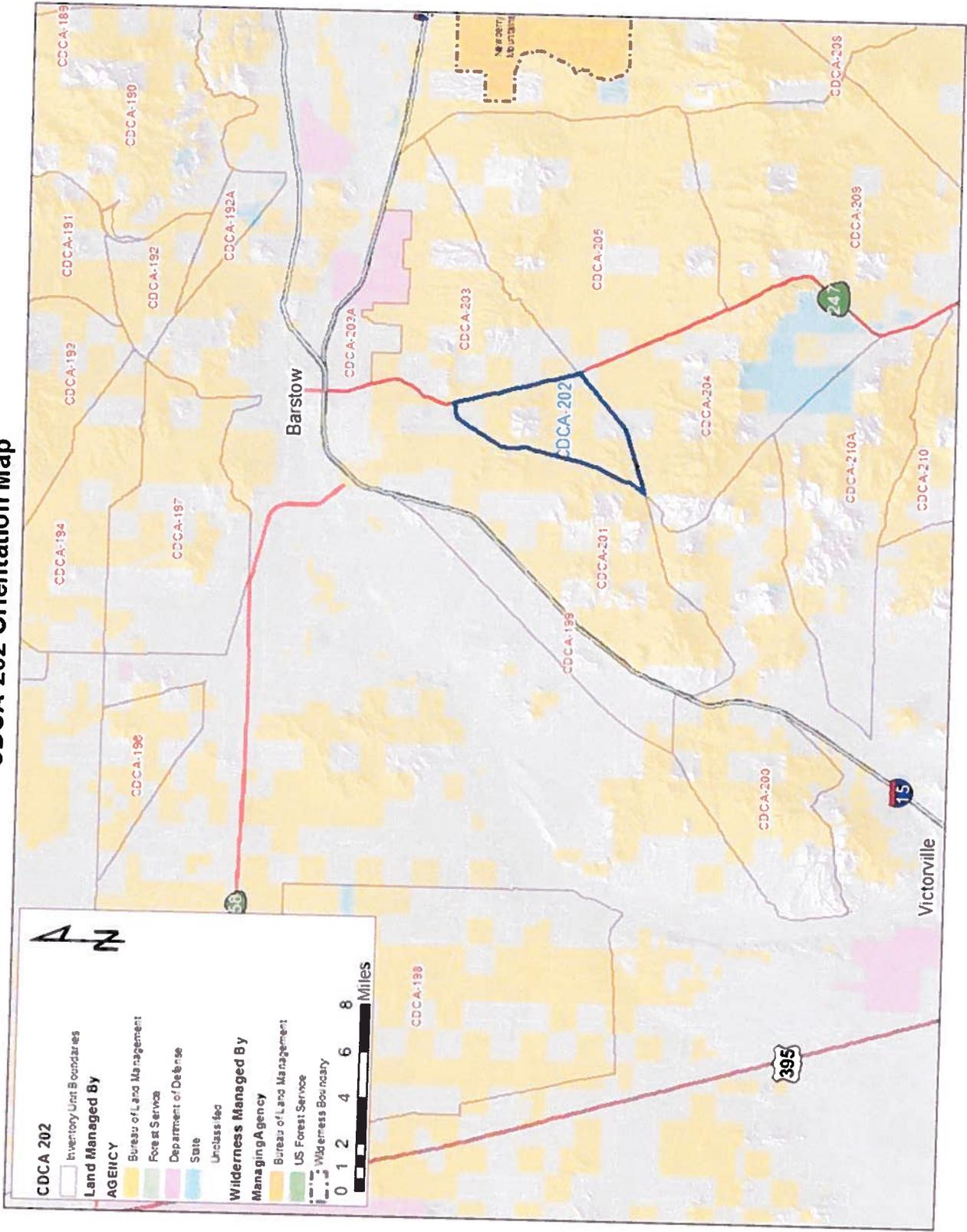
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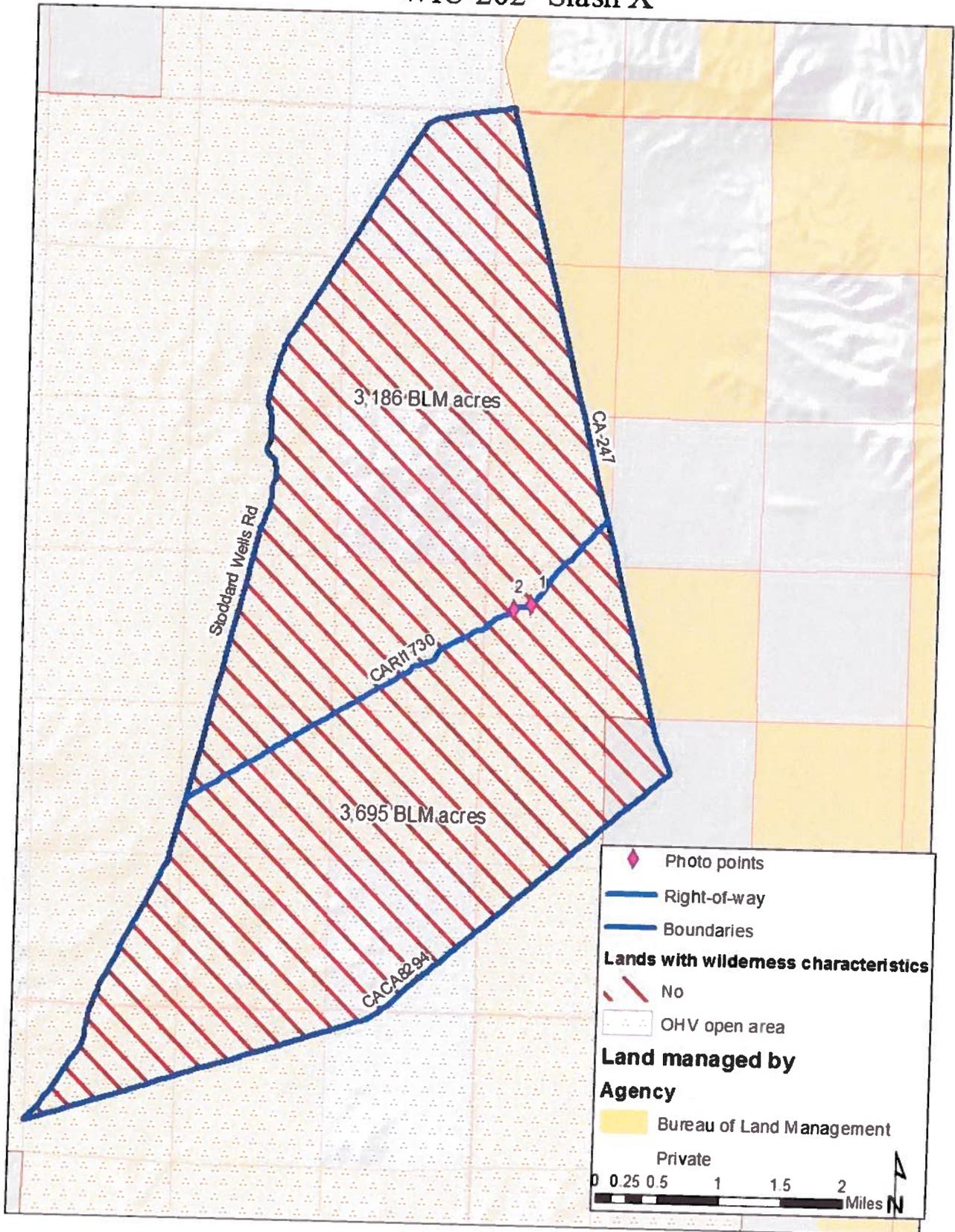
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*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

CDCA-202 Orientation Map



WIU 202- Slash X



FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record

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

No ____ (Go to Form 2) Yes X

a) **Inventory Source:** California Desert Conservation Area Wilderness Inventory March 31, 1979

b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** CA-080-202-Slash X

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Victorville, BLM Surface Management Status maps, 1:100,000, dated 2012

d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** California Desert District Barstow Field Office

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics:

Natural Condition:

Heavy off-road vehicle scarring is evident throughout the area, dozens of organized competitive motorcycle events are held in the area annually. Vehicle ways and motorcycle trails lace the area and are of substantial impact upon the primeval character of the landscape. In contrast to areas where the land is primarily affected by the forces of nature, this area is affected primarily by man and machine.

Outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation:

The relatively simple terrain provides little topographic screening to provide isolation from the impacts of man's work or other visitors. Vegetative influences are also minimal, in this respect opportunities for solitude are lacking. The existence of extensive systems of primitive routes and trails limit or negate opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Imprints of man's work are frequently encountered.

Inventory Source: The original inventory files could not be located. Instead, the source is as follows:
California Desert Conservation Area Wilderness Inventory Final Descriptive Narratives March 31, 1979

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
CA-080-202-Slash X	Yes	No	No	No	No

FORM 2**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-202 Slash X

Total Acreage: 8,651

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No X

Description:

Slash X's boundaries are the same as the original inventory unit. It is a small triangularly shaped wilderness inventory unit in the Stoddard Valley Open OHV Area. It is bounded by State Highway 247 on the North East, Stoddard Wells Road on the North West, and by three steel structure power lines on the south. This unit would have sufficient BLM acreage, however, there is a single steel structure and associated right-of-way road CARI 1730 (see map) about two miles north of the southern border that runs parallel to that border splitting the unit. Because of this bisection, neither the northern half (3,186 BLM acres) or southern half (3,695 BLM acres) has enough contiguous BLM area to be considered for wilderness character.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS'Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-202

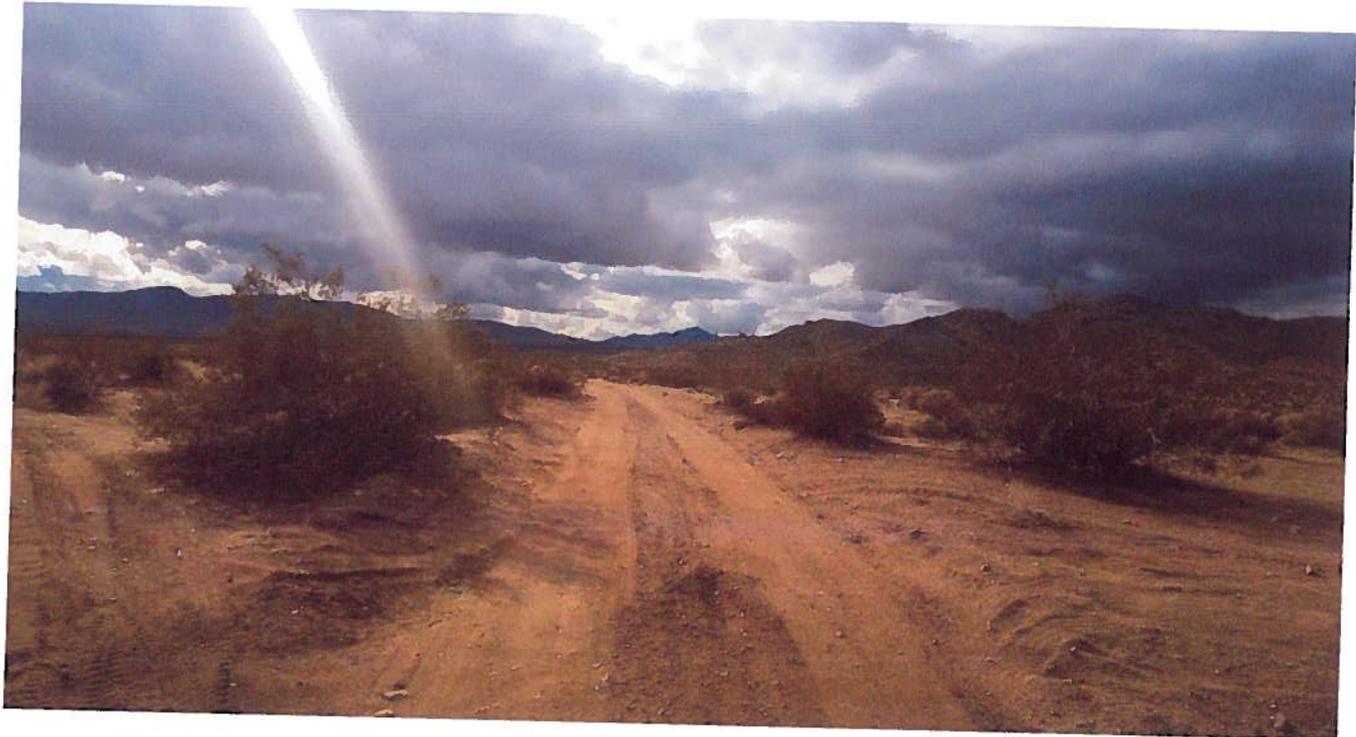
Route #	Purpose	ROW	Constructed or Improved Mechanically	Is it in regular and continuous use	Maintenance if needed	WIU Road
CARI 1730	Steel Structure Power line Rd	Y	Y- Berms and bench cuts in hills	Y- It is a heavily compacted, wide road with numerous tracks.	Y- Power line is still in use	Y

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY
APPENDIX D – PHOTO LOG**

Photographer(s): **Daniel Maus, Hannah Morris, Erin Mounce, Brendan O'Connor**
Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CA-080-205**

Date	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.	Photo Point #
12/17/14	W	Looking at CARI 1730	34.771545 N 117.024692 W	T 8N	R 2 W	19	1
12/17/14	W	Further look at CARI 1730	34.771122 N 117.026580 W	T 8 N	R 2W	19	2

Photo point 1 - Power line Right of Way Road (CARI 1730) showing regular and continuous use affecting the size requirement. 12/17/14



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Photo point 2 - Also affecting the size requirement is Power line Right of Way Road (CARI 1730) showing regular and continuous use. 12/17/14



1979 Inventory Summary

AREA 202

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This small triangular roadless area is bordered by Highway 247 to the east; a large three-tower, steel-structure powerlines to the south; and, Stoddard Well Road to the west.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is 80 percent public lands surrounding two sections of non-public land.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The boundaries encompass a small portion of Stoddard Valley and a group of medium-sized hills typical of Stoddard Valley. The dominant plant community is Creosote Scrub. Elevations range from 2800 feet in the valley to 3478 feet on the ridge lines.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Heavy off-road vehicle scarring is evident throughout the area. Dozens of organized, competitive motorcycle events are held in the area annually. Vehicle ways and motorcycle trails lace the area and are of substantial impact upon the primeval character of the landscape. In contrast to areas where the land is primarily affected by the forces of nature, this area is affected primarily by man and machine.

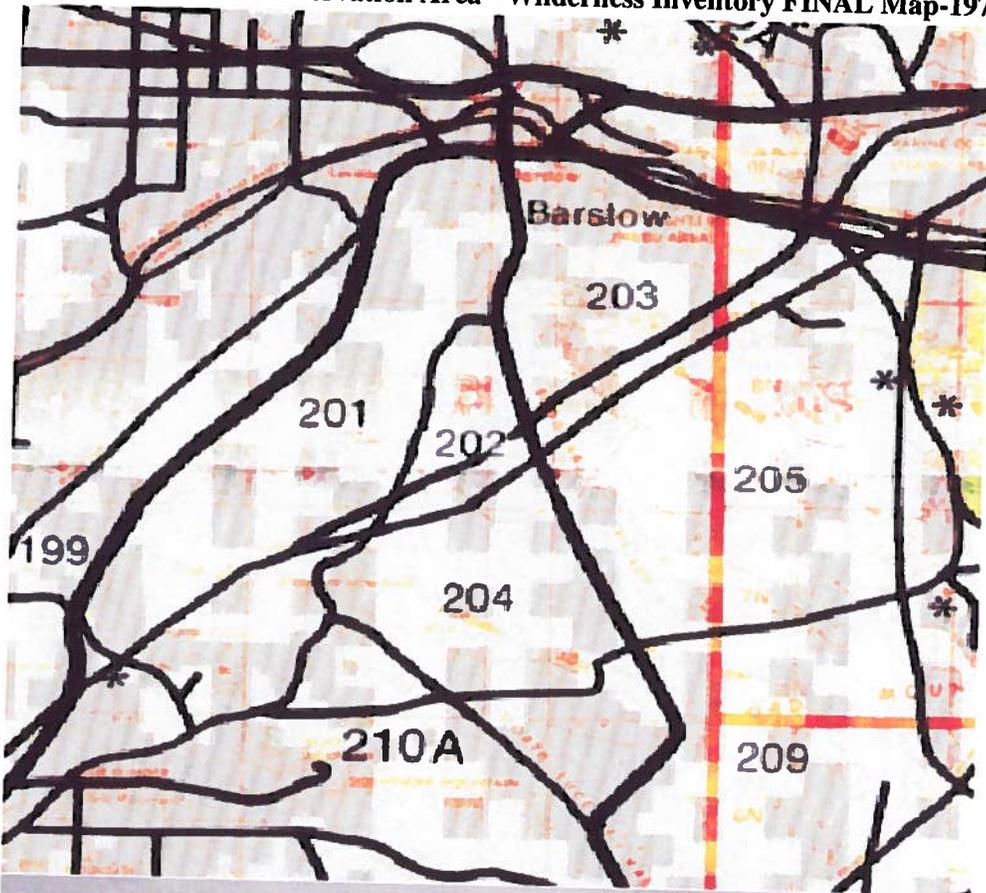
V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The relatively simple terrain provides little topographic screening to provide isolation from the impacts of man's work or other visitors. Vegetative influences are also minimal in this respect. Opportunities for solitude are lacking. The existence of extensive systems of ways and trails limits or negates opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Imprints of man's work are frequently encountered.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Most comments were in agreement with the findings and pointed out extensive ways through the area.

California Desert Conservation Area - Wilderness Inventory FINAL Map-1979



Legend

- = Roadless areas which contain 5,000 acres of contiguous Public Land, have been determined to possess wilderness values meeting the criteria of Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964, and, have been designated as Wilderness Study Areas
- = Roadless areas which contain 5,000 acres of contiguous Public Land, but do not possess wilderness values meeting Section 2(c) criteria and have been dropped from further wilderness consideration
- = Unnumbered roadless areas which do not contain 5,000 acres of Public Land and do not possess wilderness values meeting Section 2(c) criteria
- = Non-public land not under BLM administration as of May 1977
- = Size equal to 5,000 acres
- = Roads, as defined in BLM Wilderness Review Procedures
- = National Monument or State Park Boundary
- = California Desert Conservation Area Boundary
- = Other Federal Lands Boundary
- = U.S. Forest Service Proposed Wilderness (RARE II Area)
- = U.S. Forest Service Areas Recommended for Further Planning in the Forest Land Management Plan
- = National Park Service Administratively Endorsed Wilderness Area
- = National Park Service Existing Wilderness Area
- = State Proposed Wilderness Area
- = Patented Mining Area