

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Portions of this area are heavily disturbed by man. Several permanent improvements and human habitations are located in and near the Pilot Knob area, including the Pilot Knob Campground and Arizona Inspection Station.

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

Opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are limited by the relatively small size, lack of vegetation or topographic diversity and relief, and man's trammeling actions which limit freedom of movement.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments dealt with study phase considerations only.

AREA 365

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This long, narrow area is bordered on the north by the All-American Canal and Interstate 8 and, on the south, by the Mexico-California border.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is all public land.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area consists of the extremely flat southern portion of East Mesa and the southern U.S. limit of the Algodones Sand Dunes. Vegetation is sparse, but includes some creosote and mesquite.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

This area has been adversely altered by permanent improvements and human habitation which includes agricultural use, some housing developments, electric plants, and a high-way maintenance station.

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

Due to the elongated narrowness (less than one mile) opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are nearly nonexistent.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several comments discussed the geothermal potential of the area, which is a study phase consideration. One comment received attested to opportunities for solitude in this small space.

AREA 366

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This triangular-shaped area is bordered on the north by Interstate 8; on the south, by Highway 98; and, on the west, by maintained roads and the East Highline Canal.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

One section in the area is non-public land. The area is in a Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The majority of this area is flat, and vegetated with creosote and mesquite. This area is also a part of the East Mesa.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (Public)

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CDCA 1365-1 Acreage 24,831

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate separately).

In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check “Yes” and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes X No _____

Note: If “No is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “N/A” for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area—wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

The unit is bounded on the north by the All American Canal and Interstate 8; on the south by the U.S./Mexico Border; on the east and west by the All American Canal. The unit is Public Lands with Bureau of Recreation Withdrawal to the west.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

Note: If “No is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “N/A” for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

This area is extremely flat, southern portion of the East Mesa and the southern U.S. limit of the Algodones Dunes. Vegetation is sparse, but includes some creosote and mesquite. The unit has been adversely altered by permanent improvements and human habitation which includes agriculture use, some housing developments, electric plants, and a highway maintenance station, all degrading the naturalness of the area and eliminating this unit from further wilderness characteristics.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Description (describe the area’s outstanding opportunities for solitude):

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Description:

(Add description here)