



Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (Public)

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CDCA 1347-1 Acreage 11,239

(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 area is bounded on the northwest by the Bradshaw Trail and the Kaiser Eagle Mountain Industrial Railroad; on the east, by a gas pipeline road; and, on the south, by the Chocolate Mountains Aerial Gunnery Range. This unit contains some primitive, yet visible, ways that cross much of the northern 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the area and several large plots of Private Lands. Cutting out the large section of Private Lands, leaves over 6,200 contiguous acres of Public Lands.

**(2) Does the area appear to be natural?**

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ 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):

The unit is a mix of Private, Public and Military Lands. The area remaining generally appears to be affected primarily by the force of nature and is relatively flat with little topographic relief with some ironwood and creosote for vegetation.

**(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 X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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

Opportunities for solitude are limited due to the confining nature of this area with the Aerial Gunnery Range, railroad tracks and the pipeline as well as the lack of topographic features to screen visitors from one another.

**(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)

Summary of Analysis\*

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Summary

Although size and naturalness are not the deciding factor in the remaining 6,200 acres of this unit, it is the lack of topographic features to shield visitors from one another and the confined nature of this area with the Aerial Gunnery Range, railroad tracks and the pipeline surrounding this unit. The remaining acreage of this unit does not meet the requirements of offering outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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
4. Does the area have supplemental values?     Yes     No

Check one:

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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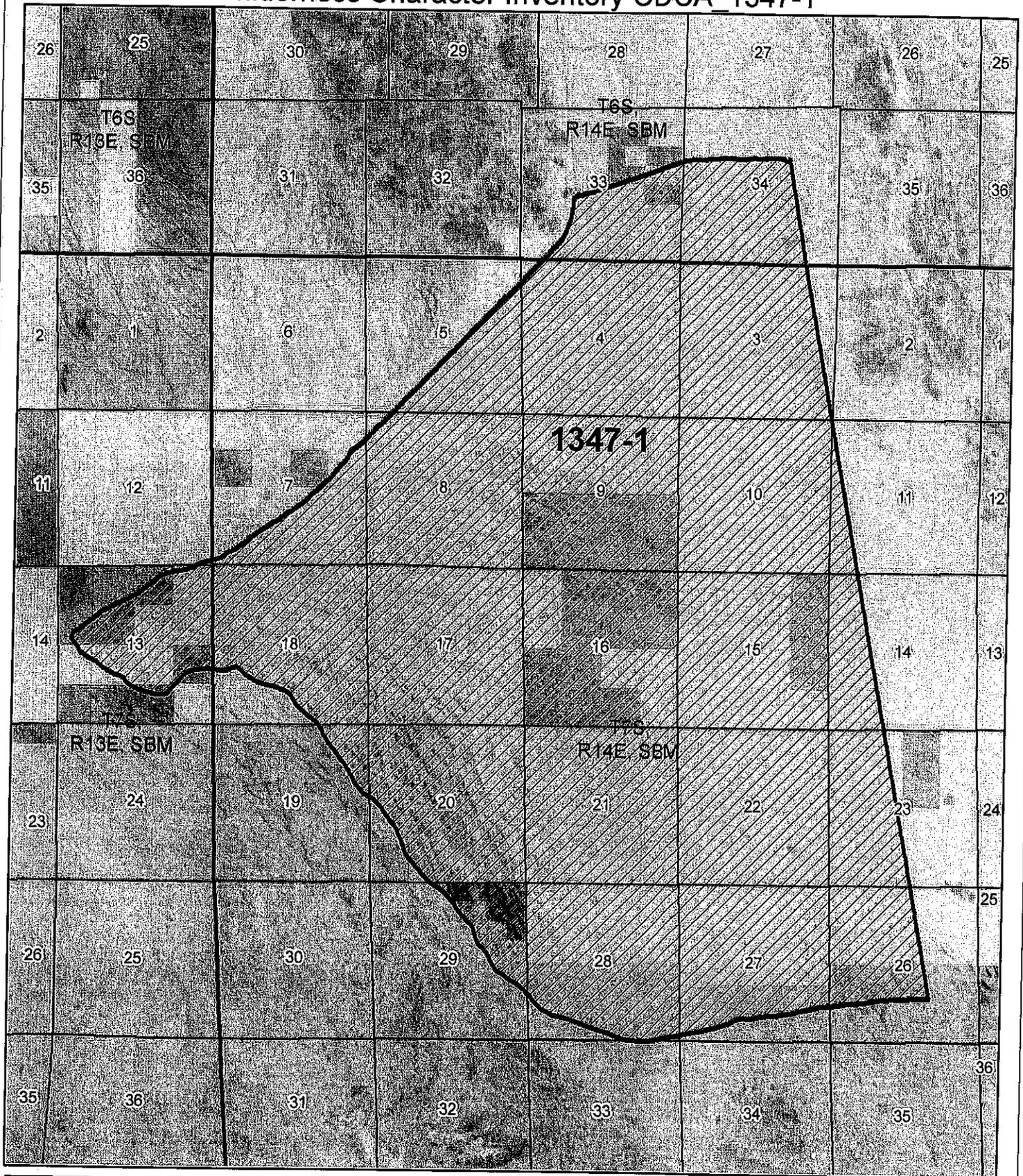
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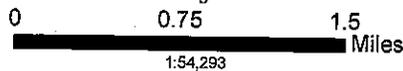
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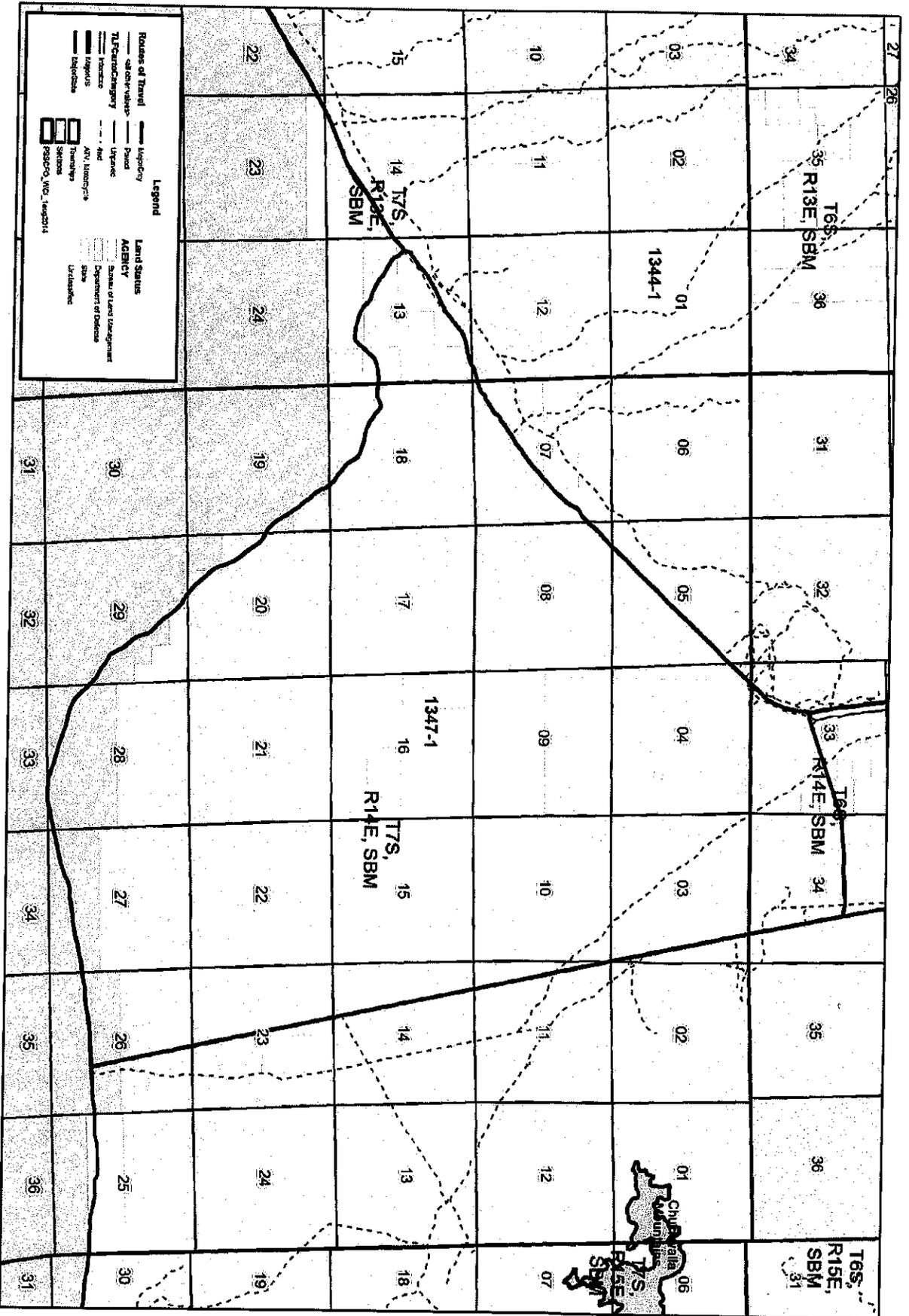
# Wilderness Character Inventory CDCA\_1347-1



Legend	
	Wilderness Inventory Unit
	Federal Wilderness Surface Management
<b>Managing Agency</b>	
	Bureau of Land Management
	US Forest Service
	National Park Service
	US Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>Government Lands</b>	
<b>AGENCY</b>	
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	Forest Service
	National Park Service
	Fish and Wildlife Service
	Bureau of Reclamation
	Bureau of Indian Affairs
	Department of Defense
	Other Federal
	State
	Local Government




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### III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The few comments received agreed with the findings.

#### AREA 346

### I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This area is bounded on the northwest by the Kaiser Eagle Mountain Industrial Railroad; on the southwest, by Highway 111; on the east, by the Frink Road; and, on the northeast, by the Coachella Canal and access road.

### II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public lands and is not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Furthermore, the natural condition of the land has been severely altered by man's work, which includes utility pole lines and man-made improvements.

### III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The few comments received agreed with the findings.

#### AREA 347

### I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is bounded on the northwest by the Bradshaw Trail Road, and the Kaiser Eagle Mountain Industrial Railroad; on the east, by a gas pipeline road; and, on the south, by the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range.

### II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public lands because of the checkerboard public/non-public land ownership pattern.

### III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This area is relatively flat with little topographic relief. Some ironwood and creosote grow in this area.

### IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area generally appears to be affected primarily by the force of nature, although some structures and equipment at the Summit reduce the naturalness of the area.

### 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 due to the confining nature of this area and the inability of topographic features to screen visitors from one another.

### VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A few comments were received: most comments favor designating all or parts of this area as wilderness; others, opposed to a wilderness classification.

#### AREA 348

### I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This roadless area is bordered on the north by Interstate 10 and the Chuckwalla Valley Road; on the west, by a gas pipeline right-of-way; on the south, by a combination of the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, a mining road and the Bradshaw Stage Road; and, on the east, by the Graham Pass Road.