

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: WIU #CDCA-132B-7A, 132B-7B

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Does this area meet any of the size requirements?
132B-7A: Yes
132B-7B: No

2. Does this area appear to be natural?
132B-7A: Yes
132B-7B: Yes

3. Does this area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?
132B-7A: Yes
132B-7B: No

4. Does this area have supplemental values?
Not evaluated for either unit

Conclusion

**WIU CDCA 132B-7A does have wilderness characteristics;
WIU CDCA 132B-7B does not have wilderness characteristics.**

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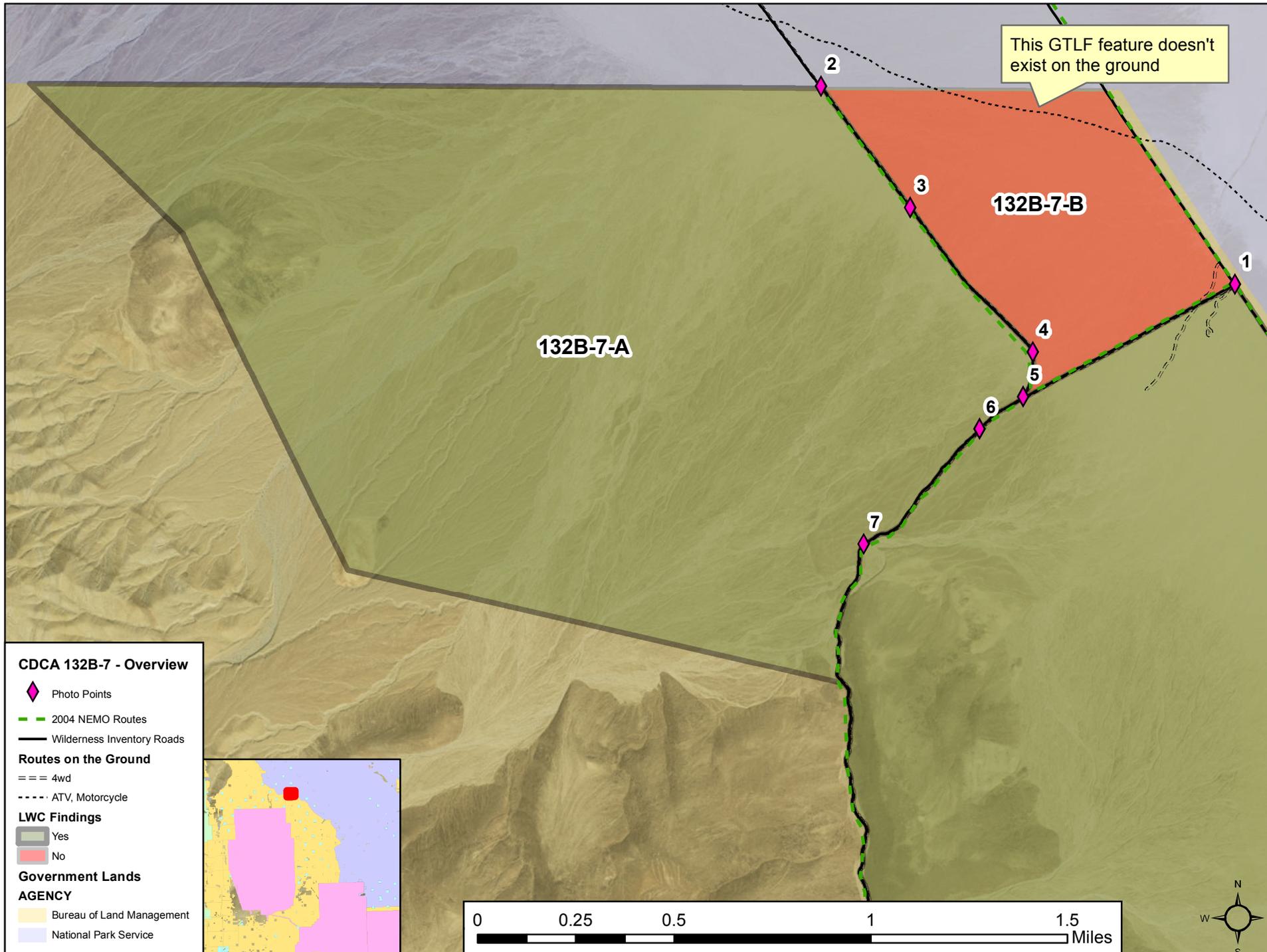
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This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.



Year 2015 Inventory Unit Number/Name WIU #CDCA 132B-7 (North of Ash Hill)

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM Wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area? **No**

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

There is no existing inventory regarding wilderness character on record for this area

FORM 2

Documentation of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

(1) **Sufficient Size:** 132B-7A: Yes; 132B-7B: No

Acreage:

132B-7A is approximately 1,553 acres, contiguous to the Death Valley and Argus Range Wilderness Areas

132B-7B is approximately 277 acres, not contiguous to wilderness

Boundaries:

132B-7A: The northern border is formed by the administrative boundary between BLM and the Death Valley National Park. The western and southern boundaries are formed by the Argus Range Wilderness boundary. The eastern boundary is formed by a combination of the Nadeau National Recreation Trail and a jeep trail (NEMO ID 3367) heading approximately north-northwest towards highway 190.

132B-7B: The northern border is formed by the administrative boundary between BLM and the Death Valley National Park. The eastern boundary is formed by the Panamint Valley Road. The southern boundary is the Nadeau National Recreation Trail. The western boundary is a jeep trail (NEMO ID 3367) heading approximately north-northwest towards highway 190.

Description of Current Conditions:

Land Ownership:

All land within both units is managed by the BLM

Location:

The units are generally located about 2.7 miles southeast of Panamint Springs, west of Panamint Valley Road.

Topography:

Both units are part of the same bajada flowing out of the northeast Argus Range.

132B-7A: This unit is the upland part of the bajada and is characterized by boulder strewn desert pavement divided by sandy washes. The eastern boundary has very little desert pavement, and is generally sandy. The unit slopes down towards the eastern corner, and the washes have gentle rises between each of them that block the views of any development.

132B-7B: This unit is the lower portion of the bajada and is generally flat with very little variation in the landscape aside from 1-2 foot deep washes cutting through the sandy soil.

Vegetation Features: Creosote is dominant shrub species in both units. Very little else grows.

Major Human Uses / Activities: There is no human use within either unit. There are campsites along the Nadeau National Recreation Trail that stay within 50-100 feet of the centerline of the road. There is no mining; there are no jeep trails within either unit aside from the dividing jeep trail.

(2) Natural Condition: Yes

Neither unit has had any development in it and is in wholly natural state.

(3) Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude and/or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation: Yes

132B-7A: Opportunities for solitude are outstanding. The topography provides plentiful screening from nearby Panamint Springs and the Panamint Valley Road. The area and surrounding area generally are very remote and do not see visitors for days at a time. Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation within the unit are limited by the size of the unit, but that is negated by the immediate proximity to the Argus Range Wilderness area. Overall, opportunities for primitive recreation are outstanding

(4) Are there Supplemental Values?

Not evaluated for either unit.