

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: **WIU's #CDCA 131-4A, 131-4B, 131-4C, 131-4D, and 131-4E**

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Do these areas meet any of the size requirements? **No.**
2. Do these areas appear to be natural? **No.**
3. Do these areas offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? **No.**
4. Do they have supplemental values? **Not Evaluated.**

Conclusion

These areas do not have wilderness characteristics.

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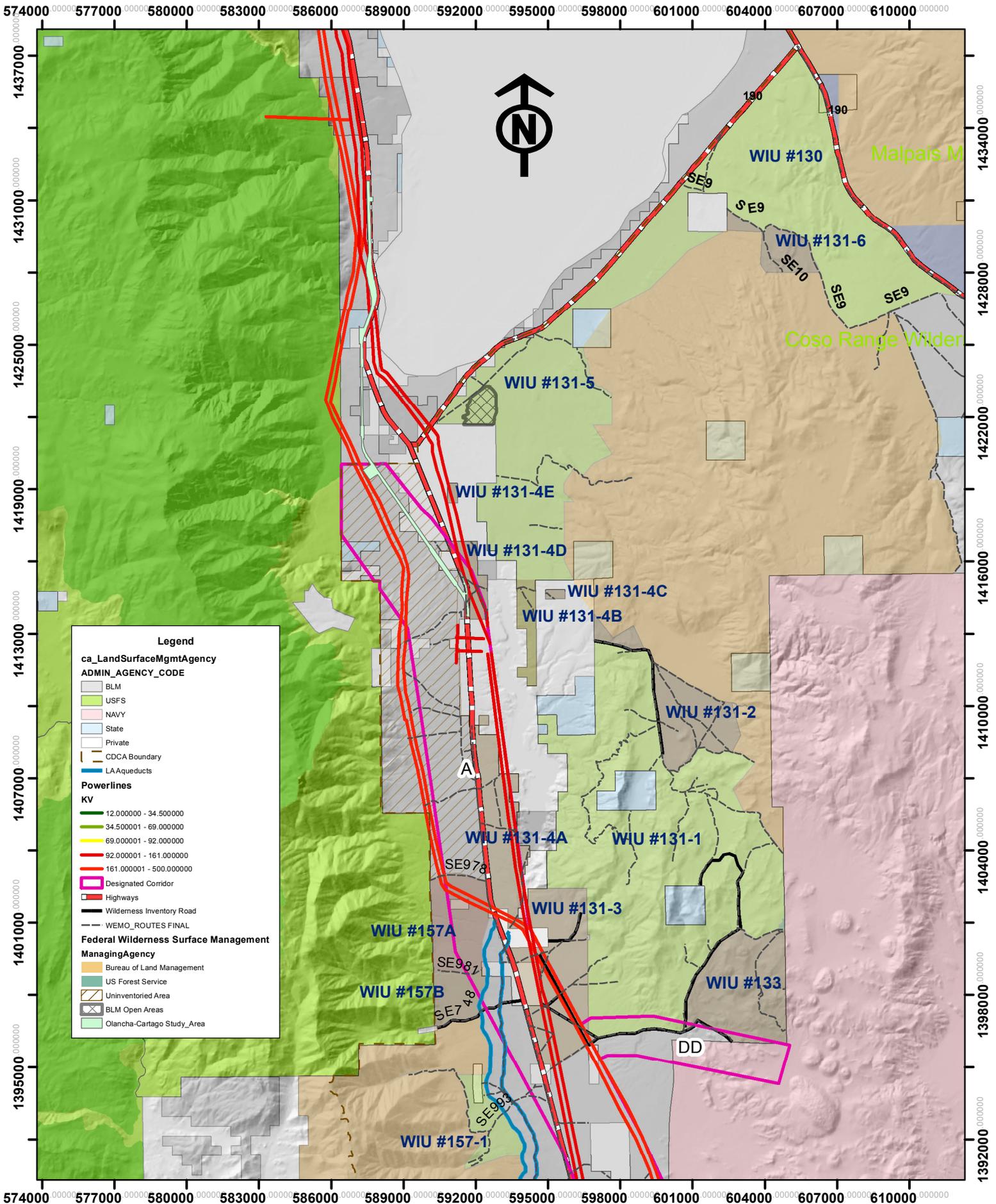
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This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.



Legend

ca_LandSurfaceMgmtAgency

ADMIN_AGENCY_CODE

- BLM
- USFS
- NAVY
- State
- Private
- CDCA Boundary
- LA Aqueducts

Powerlines

KV

- 12,000,000 - 34,500,000
- 34,500,001 - 69,000,000
- 69,000,001 - 92,000,000
- 92,000,001 - 161,000,000
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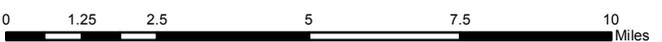
- Designated Corridor
- Highways
- Wilderness Inventory Road
- WEMO_ROUTES_FINAL

Federal Wilderness Surface Management

ManagingAgency

- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service
- Uninventoried Area
- BLM Open Areas
- Olancha-Cartago Study_Area

OVERVIEW WIUs in Olancha-Cartago Study Area
 January 30, 2014



Year 2014 Inventory Units Numbers/Names: WIU's #CDCA 131-4A, 131-4B, 131-4C, 131-4D, and 131-4E (Outstanding Coso Units)

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? Yes

Inventory Source: 1979 CDCA Wilderness Inventory Final Descriptive Narratives, BLM Ridgecrest FO

Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): WIU's #CDCA 131-4A, 131-4B, 131-4C, 131-4D, and 131-4E (Outstanding Coso Units)

Map Name(s)/Number(s): USDI BLM CASO Wilderness Final Inventory, March 31, 1979

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Ridgecrest Field Office

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics:

Inventory Source: 1979 CDCA Wilderness Inventory Final Descriptive Narratives, BLM, Ridgecrest FO

Unit#/Name	Size (acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1979 Findings WIU #CDCA 131 (Coso)	90,000+ (historic acres)	Y-26,486	Y-26,486	Y-26,486	Y-26,486
2014 Findings #CDCA 131-4A	N 2,718 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014 Findings #CDCA 131-4B	N 660 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014 Findings #CDCA 131-4C	N 80 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014 Findings #CDCA 131-4D	N 728 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014 Findings #CDCA 131-4E	N 85 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

The original WIU #CDCA 131 was huge, extending almost 40 miles north to south. The northwestern boundary was Highway 190, the northeastern boundary were the roads south of Highway 190, the western was the access road to the power line along Highway 395, the eastern boundary was the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, and the southern boundary was approximately 4 miles south of Coso Junction.

The 1979 analysis and decision was that approximately 26,486 acres located in the Coso Mountains and Joshua Flat met wilderness criteria. However, the numerous mines and associated roads and trails in the remainder of the area, specifically in Cactus Flat, McCloud Flat, and in adjacent mountains to the west, had substantially noticeable imprints of man. As a result, these areas were found not to have wilderness character. They were subsequently dropped from the 26,486-acre Coso Range Wilderness Study Area (CDCA 131).

The Coso Range Wilderness was designated in 1994. It encompassed all of the 26,486-acre Coso Range Wilderness Study Area (CDCA 131) and added an additional 22,810 acres. The Coso Range Wilderness added a total of 49,296 acres to the wilderness preservation system.

The 5 portions of the original WIU currently under review are small (less than 5,000 acres each) and isolated. They are located east of Highway 395 and west of the Coso Range Wilderness. These WIUs are west of two large WIU's (#131-1 and #131-5) which have been found to have wilderness character. They are north of another WIU (131-3) which has been found not to have wilderness character. These eligible and ineligible units are depicted on a map titled "Overview WIU's in the Olancho-Cartago Study Area." (See attached map.)

FORM 2

Documentation Of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

Unit Number/Name **WIU's #CDCA 131-4A, 131-4B, 131-4C, 131-4D, and 131-4E**

(1) Sufficient size No.

Acreage: 2,718, 660, 80, 728, and 85 acres respectively. The 2014 acreages were calculated in GIS.

Boundary revision: These units comprise all of the remaining small, isolated portions of the original WIU #CDCA 131 (Coso) not yet re-inventoried. Boundary revisions reflect current land status and exclude all private and state lands.

Description of Current Conditions

Land ownership: BLM (4,271 acres total); private inholdings (0 acres).

Location: East of Highway 395 and west of the Coso Range Wilderness and two large WIU's (#131-1 and #131-5) that have been found to have wilderness character. The units under review here are also north of another WIU (#131-3) which has been found not to have wilderness character. T 21, 20, & 19S; R 37E.

Topography: Alluvial fans with some mountainous relief associated with the Haiwee Range.

Vegetation features: Creosote scrub to Joshua tree woodland. Saltbush scrub at lower elevations. Stands of silver cholla at selected locations.

Major human uses/activities: These units are located near or within a designated transmission corridor. Three of the units are divided by powerlines and maintenance roads associated with the powerlines. The units are flanked by Haiwee Reservoir and surrounded by private land. They are used primarily for access to transmission lines, the reservoir, and private property.

(2) Natural condition

No. The units are not in a natural condition and/or are surrounded by lands that are not natural. Imprints of man from highways, maintained dirt roads, transmission lines, pumice mines, reservoir facilities, and/or homes and other developments are either present and/or readily visible from most locations within these units.

(3) Outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive and unconfined recreation.

No. Outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive and unconfined recreation do not exist within these areas due to their developed nature and/or proximity to highly developed and/or disturbed areas.

(5) Supplemental values

Not Evaluated.