

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: WIU #157A and WIU#157B

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Do these areas meet any of the size requirements? No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? n/a
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? n/a
4. Does the area have supplemental values? n/a

Conclusion

These units do not have wilderness characteristics.

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Field Manager

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Date

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WU #157C

SE978

WU #131-3

WU #157A
2,218.45 acres

SE981

WU #157B
1,066.35 acres

SE748 Tunawee Cyn/Ranch Rd

WU #157-1

Legend

- Wilderness Inventory Road
- WEMO Connected Routes
- Unpaved Jeep Trail
- ⊗ Washout
- △ Splat Site
- Designated Use
- Designated Utility Corridor
- Highway
- ▨ Modified WU
- Boundary of WU
- Boundary of Land Bu/face Mgmt Agency

ADMIN AGENCY CODE:

- BLM
- USFS
- NAVY
- State
- Private

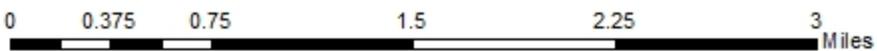
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- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service



DETAIL WIUs #CDCA 157A & 157B
January 2015



Year 2011 Inventory Unit Number/Name WIU #157A & WIU #157B

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 #157A & 157B

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 #157A	N 2,218 acres	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1979 Findings WIU #157B	N 1,066 acres	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Summarize any known primary reasons for prior findings in this table: These units were found to be of insufficient size (less than 5,000 acres in sum, as well as individually) to make practical their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Adjacent USFS land is not designated wilderness. **The current January 2015 inventory supports this original finding.**

FORM 2

Documentation Of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

Unit Number/Name **WIU #157A and WIU #157B**

(1) Sufficient size

NO

Acreage: 2,218 acres for WIU #157A and 1,066 acres for WIU#157B, as calculated by BLM CA State GIS Specialist in 2011.

Boundaries: Described in 1979 as follows: For WIU #157A: The northern boundary is a utility transmission maintenance road. The eastern boundary is a combination of the utility transmission maintenance road, a railroad, and the Los Angeles Aqueduct maintenance road (furthest west). The southern boundary is the Talus Canyon pipeline maintenance road and the western boundary is the Inyo National Forest. For WIU #157B: The northern boundary is the Talus Canyon pipeline maintenance road; the eastern, the Southern Pacific railroad line; the southern, the Tunawee Canyon Road, and, the western, the Inyo National Forest.

Description of Current Conditions

Land ownership: BLM (2,218 acres and 1,066 acres respectively); private inholdings (0 acres).

Location: 15-17 miles southwest of Olancho, CA, T 21S, R 37E.

Topography: Rocky, rolling alluvial fans, divided by deep, steep-sided drainages spilling out of large canyons.

Vegetation features: Mojave Desert mixed scrub, with elements of Sierra and Great Basin plant communities. Canyon springs and streams support riparian species such as willow and cottonwood.

Major human uses/activities: Very little activity. Some hunting and hiking. The Talus Canyon jeep trail is badly eroded and difficult to use. The Johnson Canyon jeep trail appears to be very lightly used – the graded dirt road servicing the powerline is in much more frequent use.

Other relevant attributes such as (2) Natural condition, (3) Outstanding opportunities for solitude, (4) Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, and (5) Supplemental values were not evaluated as these units did not meet the basic size requirement.