

Year 2013 Inventory Unit Number/Name WIU #CDCA-182 (2-7)

**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 #CDCA-182

**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

<b>Unit#/ Name</b>	<b>Size (acres)</b>	<b>Natural Condition? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Y/N</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Y/N</b>
1979 Findings within WIU #CDCA-182	Y	N	N	N	N/A
2013 Findings within WIU #CDCA-182 (2-7)	N (38,592 checkerboard acres)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

The 1979 CDCA Wilderness Inventory defines the boundaries of CDCA-182 as: Dove Spring Canyon road and connecting ranch road to the north; the Los Angeles Aqueduct maintenance road to the east; Jawbone Canyon Road to the south; and, Butterbrecht Canyon Road to the west. According to the inventory, 80-90 percent of the unit is in a checkerboard pattern, alternating between public and non-public land.

The topography of CDCA-182 is diverse, especially in the northern section. A variety of mountains, valleys, and foothills exist across the unit, highlighted by Gold Peak, Pinyon Mountain, and Mayan Peak. The topographic diversity of the unit helps support a wide range of vegetation including Joshua trees, Pinyon Pine, desert shrub, and native grasses, which occur at a greater frequency at upper elevations. The southern portion of the unit consists of low, rolling hills and lacks the diversity of both geology and vegetation found in the north.

The inventory concludes that condition of the unit is reflected by the “open” and “special design” designations which allow off-road vehicle use. OHV activity is heavy, indicated by numerous ways and trails, and substantially affects the landscape. Man and machine are the dominant forces affecting the naturalness of unit. In addition, these impacts detract from opportunities for solitude and/or primitive recreation. Highly-visible trails prevent any of these opportunities from being “outstanding”.

## **FORM 2**

### **Documentation Of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions**

Unit Number/Name **WIU #CDCA-182 (2-7)**

**(1) Sufficient size - NO**

**Acreage:** 38,592 acres. A series of wilderness inventory roads fragments the unit into multiple subunits. Of these subdivisions only CDCA-182-1 exceeds 5,000 acres and remains eligible for wilderness consideration. CDCA-182-7 is comprised of the checkerboard BLM and private lands in the center and to the south unit.

The acreages of the remaining sections are as follows:

**CDCA-182-** 2: 2,735  
3: 801  
4: 31  
5: 2,993  
6: 3,060  
7: @31,500 (checkerboard)

**Boundary revision:** CDCA-182 is bounded by Dove Spring Canyon Road to the north and Butterbredt Canyon Road to the northwest. Jawbone Canyon Road joins Butterbredt Canyon Road to form the southwestern edge of CDCA-182 and continues on to frame the south of the unit. The Los Angeles Aqueduct Road makes up the northeastern border and an unidentified route connects this road and Jawbone Canyon Road to complete the eastern border.

CDCA-182-2 is bounded by Dove Spring Canyon Road to the north, wilderness inventory roads to the northwest and east, and private land to the south. CDCA-182-3 is framed by Dove Spring Canyon Road to the north, wilderness inventory roads to the west and southwest, and private land to the east, west and south. Dove Spring Canyon Road continues to make up the northern and eastern boundaries of CDCA-182-5, which is further bounded by a wilderness inventory road to the south and private land to the west. CDCA-182-6 is contained by private land to the south and west, a wilderness inventory road to the north, and an unidentified route connecting the unit with Red Rock Canyon State Park to the east. The remaining checkerboard lands to the south of the unit make up CDCA-182-7.

#### **Description of Current Conditions**

**Land ownership:** BLM: 23,898 acres (61%); private inholdings: 14,694 acres

**Location:** Kern County, approximately 25 miles west/southwest of Ridgecrest

**Topography:** The topography of the unit is diverse ranging from rugged and mountainous in some areas to flat and uniform in others. The south and northwest of the unit possess the most diversity where the terrain is rough and steep. The center of the unit is dominated by a steep ridge to the west, which dissipates eastward into Indian Wells Valley.

**Vegetation features:** The vegetation is sparse although limited pockets of dense vegetation do occur. The unit supports Joshua tree, Pinyon Pine, and Sagebrush.

**Major human uses/activities:** OHV activity, hiking (PCT)

(2) Natural condition

N/A

(3) Outstanding opportunities for solitude

N/A

(4) Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation

N/A

(5) Supplemental Values

N/A

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: **WIU #CDCA-182(2-7)**

Summary

Results of Analysis:

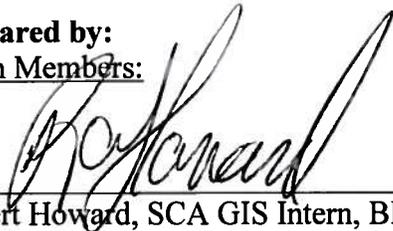
- 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? **NO**
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? **N/A**
- 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? **N/A**
- 4. Does the area have supplemental values? **N/A**

Conclusion

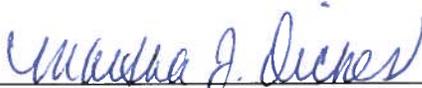
**The area does not have wilderness characteristics.**

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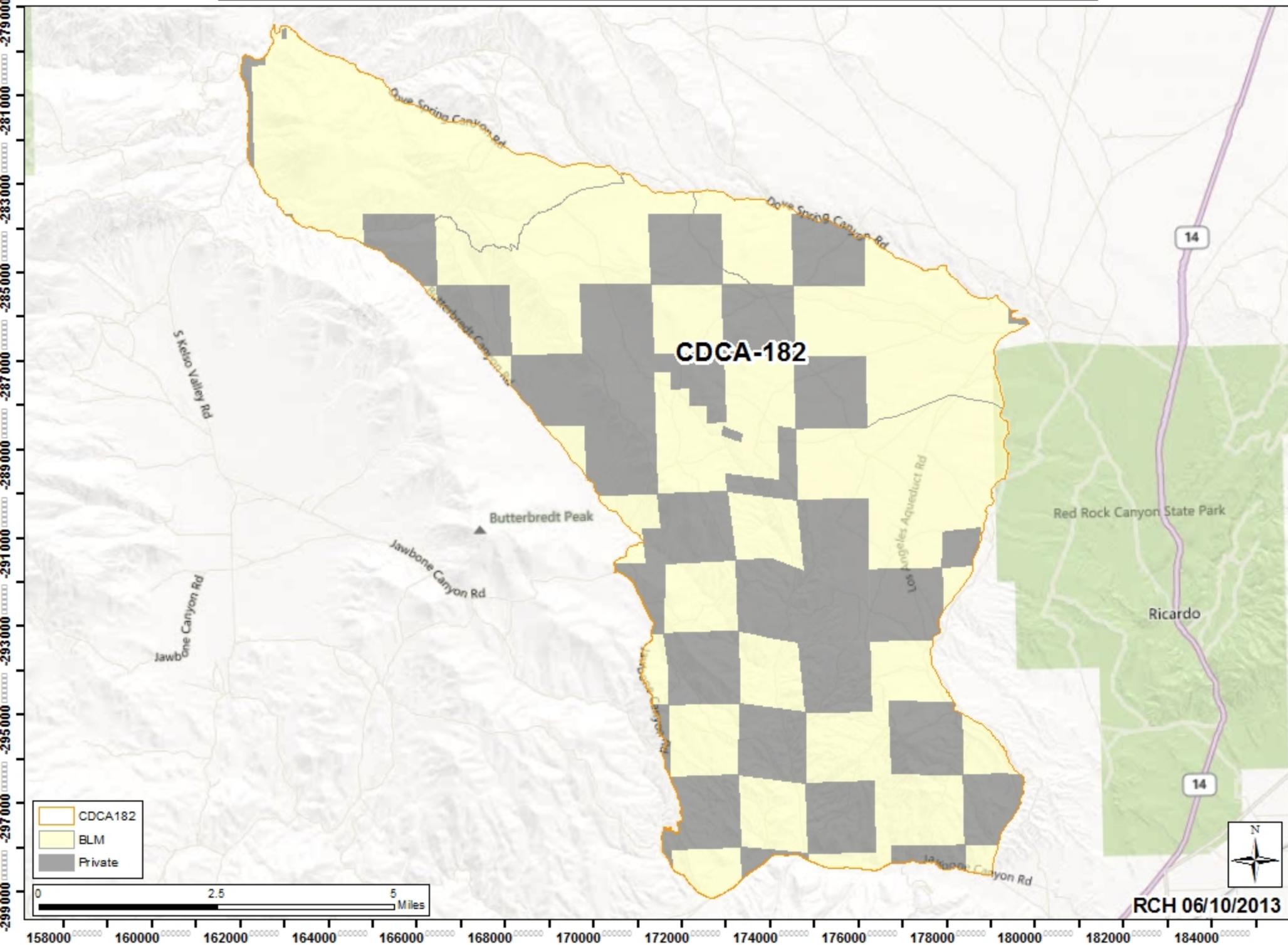
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**Date**

*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.*

# CDCA-182 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 1



# CDCA-182 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 2

