

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: **WIU #CDCA 157C (previously uninventoried unit)**

Summary

Results of Analysis:

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

Conclusion

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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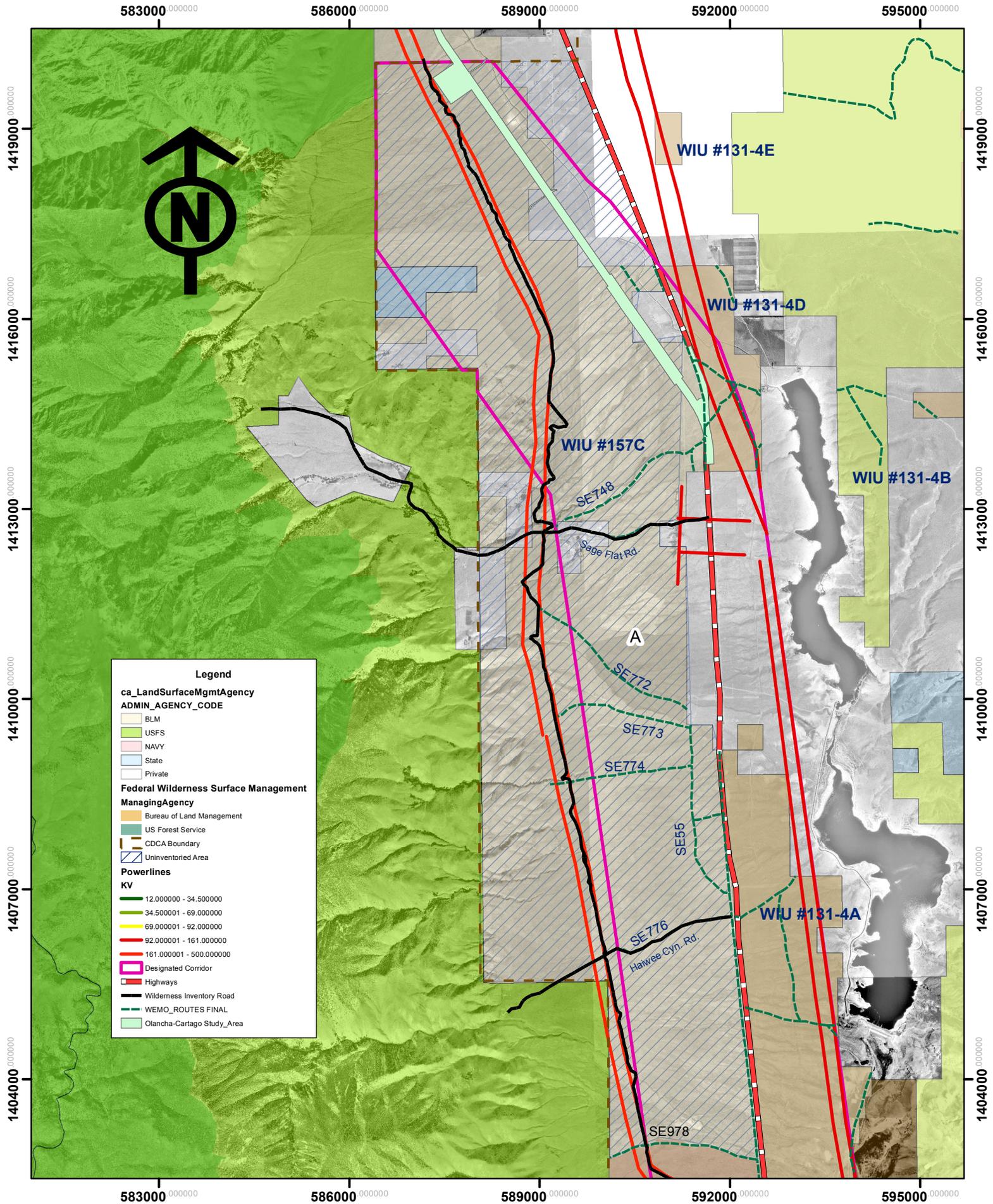


Field Manager

2/6/2014

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.



Legend

ca_LandSurfaceMgmtAgency
ADMIN_AGENCY_CODE

- BLM
- USFS
- NAVY
- State
- Private

Federal Wilderness Surface Management
ManagingAgency

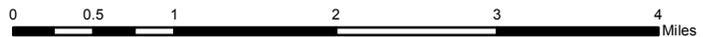
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service
- CDCA Boundary
- Uninventoried Area

Powerlines
KV

- 12.000000 - 34.500000
- 34.500001 - 69.000000
- 69.000001 - 92.000000
- 92.000001 - 161.000000
- 161.000001 - 500.000000

- Designated Corridor
- Highways
- Wilderness Inventory Road
- WEMO_ROUTES FINAL
- Olancha-Cartago Study_Area

WIU #157C (Uninventoried Area)
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Year 2014 WIU #CDCA 157C (previously uninventoried unit)

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.

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

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

Nothing on record. There is no existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics for this area.

Summary of Current Findings:

Unit#/ Name	Size (acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2014 Findings in WIU #CDCA 157C	N 12,835 Non- contiguous acres, subdivided into 7 small units	N	N	N	N/A

FORM 2

Documentation Of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

Unit Number/Name **WIU #CDCA 157C (previously uninventoried unit)**

(1) Sufficient size

No. The unit is comprised of 12,835 non-contiguous acres that are subdivided into 7 smaller areas of less than 5000 acres each by transmission lines and wilderness inventory roads. (See Detail Map.) The BLM/USFS boundary is offset from the USFS wilderness boundary by 1-4 miles for nearly the entire length of the unit.

Acreage: 12,835 non-contiguous, subdivided acres. The 2014 acreages were calculated in GIS.

Boundary revision: The southern boundary is SE978 which forms the northern boundary of an adjacent WIU #157A. The western boundary is the BLM/USFS boundary. The northern boundary is the BLM CDD-Ridgecrest Field Office/BLM Bakersfield-Bishop Field Office boundary. The eastern boundary is the BLM/private land boundary along Highway 395 or the edge of the BLM/Highway 395 ROW. All private edgeholdings and parcels within the unit have been excluded.

Description of Current Conditions

Land ownership: BLM (12,835 acres); private inholdings (0 acres).

Location: West of Highway 395 and north of SE978 which forms the boundary between this WIU (WIU #157C) and the adjacent WIU to the south (WIU#157A). T. 19, 20 & 21S; R. 37E.

Topography: Alluvial fans and foothills of the Eastern Sierra Nevada.

Vegetation features: Creosote scrub to Mojave Desert scrub. Joshua tree, blackbrush, indigo bush, and needlegrass at upper elevations. A few isolated springs with riparian habitat (willows and cottonwoods). Saltbush scrub at lower elevations to the south.

Major human uses/activities: The unit is used to locate powerlines and to access powerlines via roads for maintenance purposes. The unit is also used to access scattered blocks of private property via roads and to access wilderness trailheads in the Forest via jeep trails that lie beyond the BLM/USFS boundary. The area is located within an active cattle grazing allotment. Hunters will frequent the area in search of deer, chukar, quail, and dove.

(2) Natural condition

No. The unit is almost entirely committed to a designated transmission corridor that takes up all of its length and most of its breadth. It is bisected by two powerlines and a braided wilderness inventory road used to maintain the powerlines that is offset from the powerlines themselves in many places along its length. In addition, there are at least two more wilderness inventory roads that subdivide the area, running perpendicular to the powerline road. They are: (1) the maintained dirt road used by the L.A. Department of Water and Power to service facilities at the mouth of Haiwee Canyon (SE776), and (2) the paved county road up Sage Canyon which provides access to multiple private property parcels and the USFS trailhead to Olancho Pass. This unit is not in a predominantly natural condition and/or is surrounded by lands that are not natural. Imprints of man from highways, maintained paved and dirt roads, transmission lines, and/or homes and other developments are either present and/or readily visible from most locations within the unit.

(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 this area due to its developed nature and/or proximity to highly developed and/or disturbed areas.

(5) Supplemental values

Not Evaluated.