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**FORM 1**

**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics  
Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record**

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?**

No  (go to Form 2) Yes

**a) Inventory Source:** N/A

**b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s):** N/A

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):** N/A

**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** N/A

**2. BLM Inventory Finds on Record:**

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: N/A

<b>Area #/Name</b>	<b>Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)</b>	<b>Naturalness? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Yes/No</b>

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**FORM 2****Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Number/Name: Little Snake Unit 118	Acreage: 5,355.8 acres
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(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check “Yes” and describe the exception in the space provided below)

Yes  No

Note: If “No” is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area—wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

The northern boundary of Unit 118 is a combination of Moffat County Road 66W and private land; the eastern boundary is Moffat County Road 66; the southern boundary is Moffat County Road 66N; and the western boundary is Moffat County Road 75. The unit includes one Route, that does not meet the definition of Wilderness Inventory Road (Route 01); this route travels north/south across the western and central portions.

Unbisected by Wilderness Roads, Unit 118 is identified as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics.

Yes  No  N/A

Note: If “No” is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major

(2) Does the area appear to be natural human uses/activities):

Unit 118 is located in Township 9 North, Range 96 West; and Township 10 North, Range 96 and 97 West (Ute Meridian). In Moffat County, Unit 118 is west and upslope adjacent to the Little Snake River and approximately 12 miles north of Colorado Highway 318. BLM has ownership of the entire unit, with a portion of private land cut out of the northern portion.

The moderate-relief topography is generally large rolling hills. Rock lithologies, where visible, dip gently northwest. Eroded slopes on the eastern portion have deep valley cuts.

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Vegetation in the upper elevations and on some slopes consists of pinyon-juniper and sagebrush mix. The vegetation in the mid and lower elevations consists of sagebrush and mixed grasses. Some steeper slopes support less vegetation with only thin grass cover amongst rock outcrops.

Human uses/activities include recreational uses (examples include: primitive camping, hunting, wildlife observation, horseback riding, and off-road driving). The area is designated Wild Horse Sanctuary.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes  No  N/A

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

Expansive views and scenery are present from ridge tops and valleys. Limited human routes of travel were observed in the area. The area is quiet with no anthropogenic sounds or visible manmade objects in the area other than the few county and access roads. Elk bugling was observed; no hunters were seen in the area.

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes  No  N/A

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

Excellent opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation are available throughout the entire unit. Examples include: camping, hunting, hiking, and wildlife observation (wild horses and antelope).

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational scenic or historical value)?

Yes  No  N/A

Description:



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The unit possesses ecological value in the form of excellent habitat for game, wild horses, elk, and antelope. Scenic values exist through the unit due to the vastness of the landscape, deep valley cuts, and prominent dipping mesas.

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## Summary of Analysis

**Area Name and/or Number:** Little Snake Unit 118

### Summary

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When wilderness characteristics have been identified in an area that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included within the lands with wilderness characteristics (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

### Results of analysis:

In Moffat County, Unit 118 is west and upslope adjacent to the Little Snake River and approximately 12 miles north of Colorado Highway 318. BLM has ownership of the entire unit, with a portion of private land cut out of the northern portion. The area contains designated Wild Horse Sanctuary. The moderate-relief topography is generally large rolling hills. Rock lithologies, where visible, dip gently northwest. Eroded slopes on the eastern portion have deep valley cuts. Vegetation in the upper elevations and on some slopes consists of pinyon-juniper and sagebrush mix. The vegetation in the mid and lower elevations consists of sagebrush and mixed grasses. Some steeper slopes support less vegetation with only thin grass cover amongst rock outcrops. Human uses/activities include recreational uses (examples include: primitive camping, hunting, wildlife observation, horseback riding, and off-road driving).

Expansive views and scenery are present from ridge tops and valleys. Limited human routes of travel were observed in the area. The area is quiet with no anthropogenic sounds or visible manmade objects in the area other than the few county and access roads. Elk bugling was observed; no hunters were seen in the area.

Unit 118 is identified as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics and meets the 5,000-acre size requirement. Route 01 cuts off the western arm of the unit, and although the road shows moderate to heavy use, this route would likely not be considered for improvement by the BLM, and thus does not meet the criteria for a Wilderness Road.

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?  Yes  No
2. Does the area appear to be natural?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities of solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A



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4. Does the area have supplemental values?       Yes    No    N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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