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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 (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers of those areas):

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

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



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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Number/Name: Little Snake Unit 473	Acreage: 9,187 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 unit as proposed by the Little Snake BLM was 10,239 acres of land. Based on field reconnaissance, we recommend exclusion of the southeast corner, in the vicinity of Colorado Highway 40 and Deerlodge Road (Dinosaur Park Service Road). Busy paved roads and ranching and agricultural activities dominate the landscape and make solitude impossible to find. While the rest of the unit is still sufficient in size to meet wilderness criteria, the remaining unit does not touch the TransWest Express Applicant Proposed buffer area and was not inventoried as part of this field effort.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

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 human uses/activities):

The unit is located in Township 5 North, Range 98 and 99 West; and Township 6 North, Range 98 and 99 West (Ute Meridian). The area in contact with the Applicant Proposed boundary for TransWest Express does not appear to be natural. The area has heavy impacts from fire and firefighting activities. Heavy grazing and ranching impacts are also visible. The major roadways (Colorado Highway 40 and Deerlodge Road) have regular traffic visible and audible from the southeast corner of the unit.

The remainder of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort.

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(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):

In the southeast corner of the unit where it intersects the Applicant Proposed routes, there is no solitude available. View and noises associated with local ranches are not buffered out by vegetation or topography. Two major roads with regular traffic including large trucks are visible and audible from the southeast corner (Colorado Highway 40 and Dinosaur Park Service Road).

The remainder of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort.

(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):

The bulk of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort, as the remainder does not touch the Applicant Proposed impact area.

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

The bulk of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort, as the remainder does not touch the Applicant Proposed impact area.



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Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: Little Snake Unit 473

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:

Based on field reconnaissance, we recommend exclusion of the southeast corner, in the vicinity of Colorado Highway 40 and Deerlodge Road (Dinosaur Park Service Road). Busy paved roads and ranching and agricultural activities dominate the landscape and make solitude impossible to find. While the rest of the unit is still sufficient in size to meet wilderness criteria, the remaining unit does not touch the TransWest Express Applicant Proposed buffer area. The remainder of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort.

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No N/A
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
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Check one: The bulk of Unit 473 was not inventoried as part of this field effort.

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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Unit: 473	

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Date	Photo Name/Frame #:	Photo Direction	UTM	Township	Range	Section
10/8/2012	OP3ALS473_001_SW	SW	12N 4479358.8795N 722997.6629E	TWN006N	RNG098W	Sec.29
10/8/2012	OP3ALS473_002_S	S	12N 4476868.3916N 724722.9839E	TWN005N	RNG098W	Sec.6
10/8/2012	OP3ALS473_003_SW	SW	12N 4476873.6789N 724706.2477E	TWN005N	RNG098W	Sec.6