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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 274	Acreage: 6,813 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.):

Unit 274 is located in Township 11 North, Range 90 and 91 West; and Township 12 North, Range 90 West (Ute Meridian). Near the state line, south of Baggs, Wyoming, the western boundary of this unit runs roughly parallel to Willow Creek and is defined by borders with private lands. The southern boundary is Moffat County Road 7. The eastern boundary is a combination of borders defined by private land (central and southern portions) and by a State Land Easement Access Road (northern quarter). The northern boundary is primarily defined by Moffat County Road 2.

Out of the eight routes surveyed, two were found to meet the definition of a Wilderness Inventory Road (Routes 01 and 07). Route 07 isolates a small portion of the unit and does not meet the minimum size requirement; therefore, this small section on the western border will be excluded from Unit 274. A small portion of the southwestern arm will also be disqualified due to lack of solitude. With these exclusions, Unit 274 still meets the 5,000-acre size requirement.

(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 bulk of the unit appears to be natural. The unit has varying topography; including a large canyon running north/south along the west side of the unit containing Willow Creek. The northern and central parts of the unit are dominated by a broad, flat, sage-covered plateau,

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sloping gradually upward to the large mountain peaks located outside and to the southeast of the unit. Vegetation of the lower slopes and plains is sagebrush and grasses. Higher slopes and ravines have pinyon-juniper and rare aspen trees. River bottoms have dense, large sage and willow shrubs. The unit is a combination of BLM land and State North Serviceberry Mountain Easement and Cedars State Trust Wildlife Management Area. Major human uses of the unit include hiking, camping, and hunting. Willow Creek is heavily used for the collection/diversion of agricultural water and cattle ranching/grazing activities. It is recommended that some of this land be excluded for lacking naturalness and opportunities for solitude. Grazing allotments exist on the unit.

(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):

The unit is topographically isolated from outside land uses. Surrounding farms and ranches cannot be heard and primarily cannot be seen. Areas in the Willow Creek river bottom should be excluded from the unit, where there is heavy, concentrated use for ranching and cattle activities. The bulk of the unit is quiet and scenic.

(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 area is topographically interesting, and there exist unique areas and trails to explore.

(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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Located on the eastern edge of the unit is a set of historic log cabin-style buildings. The buildings have signs marking them as property of the United States. Grazing allotments also exist across the unit.

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Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: Little Snake Unit 274

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:

This unit, located near the Colorado-Wyoming state line south of Baggs, Wyoming, has sufficient wilderness characteristics. The bulk of the unit appears to be natural. The unit has varying topography; including a large canyon running north/south along the west side of the unit containing Willow Creek. The unit is topographically isolated from outside land uses. Surrounding farms and ranches cannot be heard and primarily cannot be seen. The area offers solitude and outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

Willow Creek is heavily used for the collection/diversion of agricultural water and cattle ranching/grazing activities. The southwestern boundary of the unit should be moved eastward, cutting off part of the Willow Creek channel and isolating the rest of the unit topographically from outside farming and ranching land uses, as well as heavy agricultural uses in Willow Creek. Route 07 isolates a small portion of the unit and does not meet the minimum size requirement; therefore, this small section on the western border should also be excluded from Unit 274. With these exclusions, the 5,000-acre size requirement is still met.

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

Check one:



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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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Date:



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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 01

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 01 branches south off of Moffat County Road 2 along the northern border of the unit. This route essentially bisects the northern and central parts of the unit. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: This route is primarily used for access to the unit’s grazing allotment and for ranching activities. This route is also used for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, hiking, camping, and hunting.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes (if either A.1 or A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 and A.2 are checked “no” below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: This route appears to be bladed and cut into the topsoil. However, this evidence of construction is highly eroded, and the route may be very old.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements observed.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance. Large cottonwood tree fallen across road, currently blocking access.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: This route is the main point of access into a large grazing allotment.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).



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Even though this route is marked with a temporary closure sign, there are still tire tracks and many tire ruts observed. Grazing may occur on this land for approximately two months per year, during which this route may see heavy, daily use.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria met as described above.

Evaluator(s):

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
 Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 02

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 02 branches southwest off of the northeastern boundary road of Unit 274. The route connects a historic set of ranch buildings with a nearby hilltop and several bermed historic stock ponds. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: This route was likely actively used historically, which the nearby historic ranch buildings were active. Current uses include access to a grazing allotment and recreational uses, including hiking, camping, and hunting; may have been used occasionally for fence construction and maintenance.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

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Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: Route may have been bladed during initial construction of range improvements. Evidence of construction is long eroded.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: The route serves no practical access purpose that is not also served by local roads in better condition. The route may have historical value. The route is greater than 50% reclaimed by vegetation.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and



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other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).

Route is currently closed to vehicle use and has appropriate signs by the BLM. No vehicle tracks observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above.

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ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
 Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 03

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 03 branches southeast off of the northeastern boundary road. This route connects the boundary road to a network of bermed cattle ponds and other range improvements. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: The route is currently used to access the area's grazing allotment and for recreational purposes; use is rare.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: No evidence of mechanical construction observed.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: There is no practical purpose to this route that is not currently served by other routes. The route shows no signs of current use. The route is greater than 50% reclaimed by vegetation.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).

No tire tracks were observed. The route has likely not been regularly used for many years (possibly greater than 50 years).



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IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above.

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 04

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 04 branches north off of southern boundary road Moffat County Road 70. The route connects the county road with private property. This section of the unit is recommended for exclusion due to its lack of opportunities for solitude next to a well-traveled county road (Moffat County Road 70). See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: The route is currently used as alternative access to agricultural fields on private property.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked “no” below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: No evidence of mechanical construction.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: The route serves as a “short-cut” to private property that is accessible from other roads. The route is not necessary and appears to be rarely used.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).



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Tire ruts and crushed vegetation were observed, but no fresh tire tracks were observed. The route may be used several times annually.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above.

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ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 05

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 05 branches north off of Moffat County Road 70 and runs along the west side of Willow Creek. The route crosses Willow Creek at a culvert installed on an agricultural water diversion, then follows the east side of the channel back south to the county road. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: The route is used for access to the agricultural water diversion structures for maintenance and for access to cattle on the grazing allotment. Evidence of use for other activities was not observed.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

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Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: No evidence of mechanical construction.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: A culvert is installed across the agricultural water diversion ditch to allow vehicles to pass over it.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: The route provides access to infrastructure critical to diversion of water from Willow Creek for irrigation and ranching purposes.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and



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other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).

The route is marked on the south end as prohibited for motorized vehicle use (BLM Sign). No tire tracks were observed. The route may be used once annually for weir/diversion structure maintenance/adjustment, but there is other routes with better access to the weir.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
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No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above. The road is constructed and improved, but not regularly used.

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 06

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 06 heads northeast off of Moffat County Road 70 and out of the unit. Route 06 is located in the southern part of the unit. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: Current purpose is for recreational activities, such as hiking and horseback riding. BLM sign at route entrance limits the use of the route to those functions. Vehicles currently prohibited from using route.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?
Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?
Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?
Yes (if either A.1 or A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 and A.2 are checked “no” below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: No evidence of mechanical construction. Route is approximately 90% reclaimed by nature.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: BLM currently limits the route to hiking and horseback riding only. No maintenance would be approved.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).



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BLM limits use to recreational activity for hiking and horseback riding. No evidence of regular or continuous use was observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above.

Evaluator(s):

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
 Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 07

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 07 branches east off of Moffat County Road 70 and runs along a fence line to Willow Creek in the southern part of the unit. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: The route is used for access to Willow Creek, Willow Creek agricultural water diversions, and to the land's grazing allotments.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: Evidence of brush removal and clearing.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: Culverts observed.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: Route serves as access between local private ranches and agricultural water diversion structures on Willow Creek.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).



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Portions of the route providing direct access to Willow Creek have tire tracks and signs of use. The route is currently marked by the BLM as prohibiting use by motorized vehicles. This road is probably currently used 5-10 times annually.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria met as described above.

Evaluator(s):

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

ROUTE ANALYSIS

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Little Snake Unit 274
 Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: Route 08

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map GIS data and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: Route 08 is a two-track that branches off of Route 07, then heads east down slope toward Willow Creek. See attached photo log.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: Current purpose of route seems likely to be for rangeland/livestock access/improvements. Route provides access to old rangeland improvements and an area that shows signs of heavy ranching/grazing activity. The route seems to be more of a route for a quad bike (these tracks were observed) than for a full-sized truck.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes (if either A.1 or A.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both A.1 and A.2 are checked “no” below)

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1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: Route did appear to be originally constructed by mechanical means; vegetation is not present in the center of the route, and there were some cut areas as the route descended the slope.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe: No evidence of improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain: No evidence of mechanical maintenance. Route is highly overgrown with sagebrush.

2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes No

Explain: Route serves no practical purpose; solely for rangeland/farmland access.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).



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Route is most likely used by the rancher 5-15 times per year to access livestock that might be down in the river valley. Evidence of recent access is from quad bikes only. No rangeland improvements are present to maintain; only old, unused partial structures were observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation: Criteria not met as described above.

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