



# Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

## Polygon 055



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**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY**  
**APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION**

**Evaluation of Current Conditions:**

1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.

2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.



**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-055**

Acreage

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(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    **X**    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.):

**Located southwest of Baggs, Wyoming, the Fly Creek area was bordered on all sides by private land. However, after inventorying the area it was discovered that a major oil and gas personnel route cut through the area. The route met the necessary criteria for status as a WIR and divided the area into parcels too small for Lands with Wilderness Characteristic status.**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes                  No                  N/A    **X**

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):

(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    **X**

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

(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      **X**

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):

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

Yes                      No                      N/A      **X**

Description:

## Summary of Analysis\*

**Area Unique Identifier: CO-010-055**

### Summary

Results of analysis:

(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).

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|---|-----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No |     |                                     |
| 2. Does the area appear to be natural?  | Yes |                                     | No | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? | Yes |                                     | No | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Does the area have supplemental values?  | Yes |                                     | No | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\* 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 1610.5-3.

55-001 (N)



55-001 (S)



55-002 (N)



55-002 (S)



55-003 (SE)



55-004 (E)



55-004 (SE)



55-005 (NE)



55-005 (SW)



55-06 (E)



55-007



55-007 (S)



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