Lands with Wilderness Characteristics: Adjacent to Willow Creek WSA

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Form 1: Document Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

NO X (If no, go to Form 2)
YES ___ If yes, and if the area has subunits within the broader area, list the unique identifiers for each of those subunits:

Inventory Source: _____
Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):_____
Map Name(s)/Number(s):_____
BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):_____

BLM Inventory findings on record: Document 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):

Document BLM Wilderness Characteristics Findings on Record (Historic Findings)					
Inventory Source Document:					
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (YES/NO & acres)	Naturalness (YES/NO)	Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude (YES/NO)	Outstanding opportunities for primitive & unconfined recreation (YES/NO)	Supplemental Values? (YES/NO)

(add rows as needed)

Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier **Willow Creek WSA Adjacent** Acreage **5,945**
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

1. Is the area of sufficient size? (If area meets an exception to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception):

   Yes **X** No_____ (If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

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

   The northern boundary is BLM 1518 until the road travels south of the Willow Creek WSA boundary into the heart of the addition. At point 26/3-011 a road splits to the east and will be cherry-stemmed to point 26/3-014 where there are signs of road construction. The western border is CR 161 and the southern border is private property and U.S. HWY 40. The eastern border is comprised of state land, Willow Creek WSA, and private lands.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

   Yes **X** No_____ NA_____ (If "no" is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions)

   Description (land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses and activities):
   The area is an addition to Willow Creek WSA and will share the same naturalness characteristics.

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 **X** No_____ NA_____ (If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics – see question 4)

   Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):
   The area is an addition to the Willow Creek WSA and will share all of the 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 **X** No_____ NA_____ (If "no" is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics; if "No" is checked for both questions 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 an addition to Willow Creek WSA and will share the same outstanding opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation.

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

   Yes_____ No_____ NA **X**

   Description:

6. Summary of Analysis to document information that constitutes the inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. This does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision, and does not represent a decision in regard to how the area will be managed or address impacts of management decisions. Explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).
   - Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes **X** No_____
   - Does the area appear natural? Yes **X** No_____ NA_____
   - Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes **X** No_____ NA_____

   Check one:

   X The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics (*all 3 bullets must be answered "yes"*).

   ___ The area does not have wilderness characteristics (*one or more of the bullets is answered "no"*).

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