

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

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

No) (Go to Form 2) _____ (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

- a) Inventory Source: _____
- b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): _____
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _____

2. BLM Inventory Findings 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: _____

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
NOT INVENTORIED PREVIOUSLY					

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier **Bad Canyon Unit, (MT-0100-01)** Acreage **2,036 acres** _____
(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 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 is bordered by private lands on all sides except the west, which are National Forest lands of the Custer National Forest. These lands are not recommended by the Forest Service for designation as a Wilderness Area. The lands in the unit are less than the minimum size criteria (approximately 2,036 acres), and although the unit is configured in a long and relatively narrow shape which by itself may not usually lend itself to wilderness management, in this case the canyon within the unit can be managed by itself, or the entire unit including the canyon and some other lands along private/public land boundaries.

Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No _____ N/A _____

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

The lands are located in all or portions of T. 4 S., R. 16 E., sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15. All are public lands. There are no private land in-holdings present.

There is no motorized access to this parcel. The BLM does have a non-motorized ROW across private lands and there is an undeveloped and primitive non-motorized trailhead located on the south side of the unit.

The area has been extensively timbered with scenic geological formations.

The riparian corridor is in a natural condition, with few invasive species present. A portion of the river segment has had a natural barrier slightly modified for protection of natural resources (fish Species) but this is substantially un-noticeable (see attached photos).

Bad Creek contains a stable population of Yellowstone Cut-throat trout, which is a native species, listed as endangered, and is a supplemental feature for the unit. The lands are important habitat for Grizzly Bear. The riparian corridor serves as an important wildlife migration corridor.

The trout, and the natural scenery, attract an unknown number of casual recreationists, mostly from the local communities, but the location is advertized as a destination in several publications regionally. There are no known commercial recreation operators. All recreational use is primitive in nature. The surrounding private lands have strictly restricted access as well.

A portion of the unit was previously burned in a wild fire, but is naturally rehabbing. Evidence of fire suppression activities is minimal.

There is abandoned motorized vehicle route which enters the unit from the west across Forest lands. It is naturally rehabbing and is not open for use and has not been for some time. There is one vehicle route which accesses the lands from the south. It is maintained only by the passage of vehicles and is not open to general use across private lands. This route has received only occasional use related to grazing in the past.

There are portions of five grazing allotments in the unit. The allotments are 5492, 5582, 5558, 5562, and 5548.

- (2) 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):

There is plentiful vegetation and topographical screening for an outstanding level of solitude. The canyon is both narrow and constricting. The lands are timbered (although the lands have been burned in a wild land fire event). The surrounding private lands have no human developments on them and are not open to the public. Use levels are unknown but appear to be very low and the expectation of meeting other parties is very low.

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 "N/A" for question 5.

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

The area has significant geological, riparian, wildlife, and scenery resources which provide an outstanding level of primitive recreation attractions and experiences. The opportunity for this kind of recreation is further enhanced by the administrative lack of motorized access across the private lands.

(3) 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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Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: Bad Canyon Unit (MT-010-001)

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: 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).

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 for 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 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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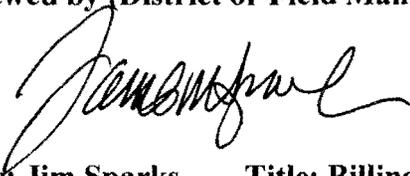
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* This form documents information that constitutes and inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.