

**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  **X** (Go to Form 2) Yes  (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier: Timber Canyon Unit (MT -0100-<sup>003</sup>~~2\*\*~~)\_

Acreage 5,560 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 Timber Canyon unit is located about 60 miles east of Red Lodge in Carbon County, Montana. The lands are located in T7 S., R 25 E. There are no private land inholdings present. The eastern boundary is formed by the Custer National Forest, while the western, northern and southern boundaries are set along public/private lands and a parcel of Montana State lands.**

(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 "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

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

**The soils in the Timber Canyon area are derived from limestone and sandstone formations. The limestone uplifts and formations contain a number of caves and sinkholes.**

**This mountain range was never glaciated, is rather dry, and contains some very steep terrain and some of the canyons are deeply incised in the limestone.**

**The BLM road analysis determined that there seven (7) routes which meet the criteria as roads. These are identified on the BLM Surface Management Status Map (*Bridger, 2000*) as routes 1039, 1046, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, and 1051. Three of them (1046, 1047, and 1051) connect to designated Forest Service roads, while route 1039 connects to route 1046 and route 1050 connects to a power line located off public lands. Cumulatively, these**

routes cut the unit into small parcels, none of which meet the size criteria and none of which could be managed as stand-alone units due their configuration.

There is a power-line ROW located along portions of the western edge of the unit which isolates another small portion of the unit. This portion does not meet the size criteria.

There is a pipeline ROW located along portions of the western edge of the unit. This ROW isolates another small portion of the unit. This portion does not meet the size criteria.

The lands are grazed commercially under permit from BLM as Allotment 4135. There are a number of associated range developments present. These include fence lines, water developments, and areas of vehicle operations such as pullouts for loading/unloading.

The unit has never received heavy use by recreationists, although it does receive regular use by recreationists passing through it while going to more popular destinations on the Forest lands lying above it. Recreation opportunities include deer and small game hunting, hiking, and snowmobiling. Many primitive trails and old mining roads provide easy motorized access. The unit has no known commercial outfitters operating on it.

There are reported to be some archeological and paleontological sites on the unit but an intensive inventory has not been done.

There are existing mining claims located 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 X \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(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 "N/A" for question 5.

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

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(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summary of Analysis\*

Area Unique Identifier: Timber Canyon Unit

### 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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\* 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.