WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY UPDATE – 2011

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 _____ **Yes** ___X___ (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the names of those areas.):

a) Inventory Source: Montana BLM's Initial Inventory (November 1978 – August 1979)

b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s): "Scattered Tracts" / MT-066-265

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): BLM Montana Wilderness Inventory Maps:
Final Initial Inventory Map (August 1979)
Proposed Wilderness Study Decision Map Lewistown & Miles City Districts (March 1980)
Final Inventory Decision Map Lewistown & Miles City Districts (November 1980)

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lewistown District / Havre Area Office

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: Montana BLM's Initial Inventory (November 1978 – August 1979)					
Area Unique Identifier	**Sufficient Size? (acres)**	**Naturalness?**	**Outstanding Solitude?**	**Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation?**	**Supplemental Values?**
MT-066-265	NO	--	--	--	--
Comments	North Blaine was included with numerous other "Scattered Tracts" in the initial inventory that were determined to be less than 5000 acres. No public comments were received to support further wilderness consideration, so the area was dropped from wilderness consideration in the August 1979 Final Decision.				

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier: North Blaine – Area 8 Acreage 10,739
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

(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.):*

The boundaries of this unit are mainly defined by the surrounding State and private lands. The Bagen Road runs along the north and western edges and the Frenchy and Sage Roads enter portions of the unit on the east side.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural? Yes _____ No X 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):*

There is one gas well within this unit which is 92% leased. This well has been plugged and abandoned. There are over 17 miles of vehicle routes throughout the unit.

The public land in this area is a mix of native and introduced species. Approximately 1740 acres of public land within the identified area has been planted to crested wheatgrass. There is also a fairly main vehicle route which appears to have been bladed at one time that runs N/S along T37N R20E Sec. 22 (Guide #6229 allotment). There is an underground pipeline that crosses approximately 0.9 miles of public land in T37N R21E Sec. 19/30. Also, approximately 2150 acres of this identified area needs to be removed because it is divided by Frenchy Road on the eastern side of the unit. There are at least 16 water developments within the identified area.

(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 areas 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: __North Blaine – Area 8

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).)*

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes___X____ No_____

2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes_____ No___X____N/A_____

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes_____ No_____N/A__X____

4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes_____ No_____N/A__X____

Check one:

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

___X__ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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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.*