FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?
No (Go to Form 2)_____ **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)
Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)

b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s):Spring Coulee/Creek MT-065-273, Beauchamp Creek MT-065-274, Phillips Resource Area Remaining Public Lands/MT-065-321

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/Phillips Resource Area

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-065-273	NO	NO	--	--	--
Comments	The BLM "Spring Creek Spur Road" cuts the unit into three portions of less than 5,000 acres. The portion of the unit contiguous to lands managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service is approximately 2,000 acres which is separated in two places by private lands. The naturalness of the unit is impeded by the contour furrowing, reservoir, cattleguard, and fencing. The open grasslands result in the human intrusions being rather obvious throughout the unit.				
MT-065-274	YES (30,400 BLM)	--	--	--	--
Comments	The unit meets the size criteria for further consideration. Although naturalness of the unit is impacted by he reservoirs distributed throughout the unit, the road to Current Reservoir, the powerline easement, the 50 miles of fence, the fenced exclosure, and the				

	chisel plowing, it has not been completely destroyed.				
MT-065-321	NO	--	--	--	--
Comments	The remainder of public lands within the Phillips Resource Area are blocks of land less than 5,000 acres and lack sufficient wilderness characteristics to warrant consideration for intensive inventory.				
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
MT-065-274	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
Comments	The roads within the unit divided the unit into 6 parcels. The northwest parcel (7,000 acres) contains 12 reservoirs including a heavily fished reservoir, and there are vehicular ways to many of the reservoirs. Five hundred and fifty acres have been chisel-plowed. The large parcel, 20,600 acres, contains 2 roads, 9 vehicular ways, and a powerline. These intrusions significantly detract from the naturalness of both parcels. Neither unit contains enough vegetation or topographical screening to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude of unconfined recreation.				

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier__Beauchamp Creek_- 19_____ Acreage_56,219_____
(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.)

This area contains over 5,000 acres of contiguous BLM-administered lands.

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

The south boundary of this unit is defined by the CMR National Wildlife Refuge. The remainder of the unit is defined by private and state lands interspersed with BLM administered lands on the east and west. The Dry Fork and North Dry Fork Roads form the north boundary. State and Private inholdings and the interspersed and irregular nature of the surrounding private lands give this unit a very irregular, many-lobed boundary. The original unit was split into two areas (Spring Creek to the west and Beauchamp Creek to the east) by the CK Ridge Road prior to the field visit.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural? Yes _X_____No _____ 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):*

The **Spring Creek** (west) portion of the unit is transected by the Spring Creek Spur Road, portions of which have been mechanically maintained in the past. Approximately 700 acres within the unit have been chisel plowed and approximately 700 acres have been contour furrowed. The chiseled acres have recovered to the point where they would not be noticed by the average visitor. The 1979 evaluation lists 9 reservoirs, approximately 18 miles of fence, one cattleguard and 1.5-acre exclosure. The exclosure has since been removed.

The **Beauchamp Creek** (east)portion of this unit contains 3 plugged and abandoned wells. It contains 2 recreational fishing reservoirs. There are over 25 miles of routes scattered throughout the unit that receive seasonal maintenance. These roads divide the unit into several parcels. Approximately 1.5 miles of new road was built in the southeast portion of this unit in 2009. 2 cattleguards and a rock crossing were installed in this section. There are 12 reservoirs which have access routes to most of them. 550 acres have been chisel plowed. The southeast portion of this area is adjacent to the Beauchamp Creek Proposed Wilderness Area of CMR NWR.

There are 3 plugged and abandoned wells in the north central portion of the unit.

There are portions of 14 grazing units within the unit, approximately 30 miles of interior fence

A right of way for an electrical line has been granted in perpetuity in the following areas: T22N R28E, sec 1, lot 1, SWNE, NWSE; T23N R28E, sec 27, W2NE, N2NW, sec, 28, N2N2, sec. 29, N2N2, sec 30. lot 1, N2NE, NENW.

A right of way for a buried telephone line has been granted in the following areas: T22N R29E, sec.5, W2SW, sec. 6, lot 7, SESW, S2SE; T23N R27E, sec 12 W2W2, sec. 13, W2W2, sec. 24, N2NW, SESW.

Two recreational fishing reservoirs are located within the unit.

There are several maintained roads that divide this unit into at least 8 sections. Some of these sections did not meet the minimum size criteria for lands with wilderness characteristics. Three areas (19A, 19B and 19C) were found to meet the minimum requirements for size and naturalness of wilderness characteristics.

19A is approximately 8,000 acres of sagebrush grasslands in the middle of the original unit. The northwest boundary is formed by the road to Wrangler Reservoir and the remainder is formed by State parcels and maintained BLM routes.

19B is approximately 5,039 acres on the east side of 19A. The boundaries are defined by adjacent private lands and maintained BLM routes.

19C is approximately 6,039 acres in the southeast portion of the original inventory unit and adjacent to CMR NWR Beauchamp Creek Proposed Wilderness Area. The boundaries are defined by the CMR boundary to the south, private lands to the east and north, and maintained BLM routes to the northwest. This portion is more rugged breaks topography with a mixture of sagebrush grasslands and ponderosa pine.

(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_____ N/A_____

Description *(describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):*
The size and remoteness of the unit combined with its rolling topography provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. Most private lands directly adjacent to the unit are either native range or have been seeded or reverted back to grass and are no longer farmed. With the possible exception of big game hunting season, vehicle use of routes in the unit and on adjacent lands is infrequent.

(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_____ N/A_____

(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):*
Big game and upland bird hunting are currently the most popular recreational pursuits in the unit. It's possible to participate in a variety of primitive and unconfined recreation activities in Beauchamp Creek including hiking, backpacking, hunting, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, photography and sightseeing for botanical, zoological and geological features.

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

Description:

Mule deer winter range (southern half)
Pronghorn winter range
Elk winter range (southern edge)
Black-tailed prairie dogs
Grassland bird nesting
Important waterfowl nesting
Sharp-tailed grouse dancing grounds
Greater sage-grouse strutting grounds

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: Beauchamp Creek - 19

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 in 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 X No_____ N/A_____

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes X No_____ N/A_____

4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes X No_____ N/A_____

Check one:

X The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics.

_____ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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