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): Flat Creek MT-065-290, 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-065-290	YES (31,640)	--	--	--	--
Comments	The naturalness of the unit is impacted by the reservoirs, the roads into the northern areas, bladed fire lanes, contour plowing, a water ditch, and a cattleguard. These impacts are partially mitigated by the large size of this unit.				
MT-065-321	NO	--	--	--	--
Comments	The remainder of public land 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-065-290	YES (26,860)	NO	NO	NO	NO
Comments	The one parcel which meets the size criteria does not contain sufficient screening to				

	provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. Opportunities for primitive recreation are not outstanding.

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier Flat Creek - 24 Acreage 27,508
(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 boundaries of this unit are defined to the south by a BLM maintained road, the west by the Regina Road, the Content Road to the east and private lands to the north.

(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 temporarily abandoned oil/gas well in the northwest portion of this unit.

There are portions of 4 grazing allotments within this unit with approximately 20 miles of interior fence and many small reservoirs (1-2 per section) scattered throughout. Vehicular routes are scattered throughout the unit and some roads and fence lines have been bladed for fire lanes and fence maintenance in the past.

Approximately 120 acres in T25N, R31E, Sec11 have been contour plowed in the past along with a 20-acre study plot.

The unit contains the headwaters of Flat Creek and the Flat Creek breaks. This area is referred to as "The Big Sag". Topography of the unit is broad basin and gently rolling glaciated upland.

Major types of vegetation are a mix of short and mid-grasses, sagebrush, greasewood and bare soils.

Rights of ways for irrigation facilites has been granted in the following locations: T25N R30E, sec. 25, SWNW; T25N R31E, sec. 31, lot 1, W2NE, NENW.

Due to the low-lying, flat topography of this area, man-made intrusions within and surrounding the unit are apparent and visible for miles from almost any vantage point within 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):*

(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: Flat Creek - 24

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_____ No__X__ N/A__X__

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.
__X__ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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