

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):** North Woody Island/MT-065-313

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-065-313	YES (14,620)	YES	--	--	--
Comments	Includes 320 acres of private lands. The unit meets minimum wilderness characteristics of size and naturalness, and may afford an outstanding opportunity for solitude and primitive type recreation.				
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
MT-065-313	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Comments	Seven roads/segments divide the unit into numerous parcels all less than 5,000 acres in size. Most of these roads have been extensively graded and improved. Reservoirs, wells, windmills and spring are scattered throughout and are highly visible within their vicinity.				

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier North Woody Island - 34 Acreage 5,056
(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 by State and private lands as well as the Cowan Road to the south, Pig Spring Road to the west, Star Road to the east and Petrie Road 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 plugged and abandoned gas well within this unit which is 80% leased. There are approximately 8 miles of routes throughout the unit. The intensive inventory in June 1979 found evidence that these routes had been improved by the county and one of the ranchers between 1910 and 1950. Extensive grading has been done about every five years through 1974 and periodically after that.

There are portions of 2 grazing allotments in this unit. At least 19 reservoirs (mostly small pit type, the one in the southeast corner is very large), 2 water wells, approximately 10 miles of fence, 2 cattleguards and 4 windmills. The intensive inventory noted these features to be "highly visible within their vicinity because of the lack of vegetative screening".

The topography of this area is breaks and glaciated upland prairie. Major type of vegetation is mix of short and mid grasses and sagebrush.

The North Woody Island Pipeline was constructed in 1999. There are 3.4 miles of buried water pipeline and 5 stockwater tanks within the identified area as well as approximately 1 mile of overhead power line which provides power to Teapot Well. Teapot well provides water for North Woody Island Pipeline.

There were also a variety of drains (ditches) built that were used to drain 135 wetlands (170 acres) to fill pits/reservoirs within the area. All of the drains have been plugged, but the approximately 4 miles of ditch remains within the identified area.

There are two powerline right-of-ways in the unit. One is about 0.5 miles long in T 36N R27E sec 6, and the other is about 1 mile long crossing both T 37N R26E sec 25 and T 37N R27E sec 30. This latter is probably the one to the Teapot Well.

(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 Woody Island - 34

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 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.
 The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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