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)

b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s):___West Whitewater Lake Mt-065-310, Sink Coulee Mt-065-311

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-065-310	YES (23,100 BLM)	NO	--	--	--
Comments	The naturalness of the unit is impeded by the gas field operation which has one or more gas wells in each section and an access road for servicing each has well.				
MT-065-311	YES (6,600 BLM)	NO	--	--	--
Comments	The naturalness of the unit is impeded by the gas field operation which has one or more gas wells in each section and an access road for servicing each gas well.				
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
Comments					

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier West Whitewater Lake - 37 Acreage 30,521
(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.):*

This unit is delineated by surrounding private lands as well as all-weather county roads (Whitewater Road and Border Road) along the north, east and west and U.S. Hwy 191 North along the west side. A scattered, irregular border and many private and State inholdings give this inventory unit a "Swiss cheese" effect.

(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 are 102 gas wells scattered throughout this unit (only 12 are plugged and abandoned) which is 88% leased (the 1979 evaluation lists 35gas wells). There are over 68 miles of vehicular routes within the unit, mostly associated with the gas wells, and over 28 miles of buried gas pipeline.

There is one mine claim within the unit.

There are portions of 15 grazing allotments within this unit with at least 43 small reservoirs, many miles of fence, 2 corrals and cattleguards scattered throughout.

Topography of the area is glaciated upland prairie and vegetation consists mainly of short and mid grasses.

(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: West Whitewater Lake - 37

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_____

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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