

**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):**   Billick Coulee MT-064-351  

**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/Valley 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-064-351	YES (10,120)	--	--	--	--
<b>Comments</b>	The railroad serving the Federal Bentonite processing plant runs near the center of this unit. It is regularly used and trains are visible from all parts of the unit at numerous times on any given day. This unit obviously has no wilderness value, it is not recommended for intensive study.				
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
<b>Comments</b>					

## FORM 2

### Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier Uphans - 75 Acreage 7,166  
(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 inventory unit are the Bentonite Road to the south, Bentonite Spur Road to the north, State and private lands on east and west. There are two private inholdings.

(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 an old railroad bed with the tracks removed but is still used as a road.

The unit contains one old bentonite mine and one plugged and abandoned well. There are 14 mines claims within the area.

There are portions of 8 grazing allotments in the unit with over 5 miles of interior fence, a set of corrals and several miles of vehicle routes.

During team review, the inventory unit was determined to not meet the apparent naturalness criteria of wilderness characteristics for the above reasons.

(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: Uphans - 75

#### 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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\*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.