

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):** 7th Parallel MT-064-347, North Fork Brazil Creek MT-064-348, South Fork Antelope Creek MT-064-350, Antelope Creek MT-064-352

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-064-350	YES (6,160)	--	--	--	--
Comments	This small unit is obviously compromised by Bentonite mining, and other impacts, however; too little is known about the overall character here to say it obviously and clearly does not have potential for wilderness. The unit is recommended for intensive study.				
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (acres)	Naturalness?	Outstanding Solitude?	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation?	Supplemental Values?
MT-064-352	YES (15,840) (BLM)	--	--	--	--
Comments	While this unit has several unnatural intrusions, the quality of the total unit is unknown. Also not enough is known about the ability of this unit to screen intrusion and thereby appear natural. Finally, most of the intrusions may have high potential for rehabilitation.				

This unit is recommended for intensive study.					
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (acres)	Naturalness?	Outstanding Solitude?	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation?	Supplemental Values?
MT-064-350	YES (6,160)	NO	NO	NO	--
Comments	None of the units will be studied for wilderness. Although the areas appear natural, their lack of screening and ecological diversity allow for neither an outstanding opportunity for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.				
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (acres)	Naturalness?	Outstanding Solitude?	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation?	Supplemental Values?
MT-064-352	YES (15,840)	NO	NO	NO	--
Comments	None of the units will be studied for wilderness. Although the areas appear natural, their lack of screening and ecological diversity allow for neither an outstanding opportunity for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.				

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Unique Identifier Antelope Creek - 76 Acreage 26,933
(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 mainly by State and private lands and sections of county roads on the west, north and east sides and by the Bentonite Road and an abandoned railroad bed on the south edge.

(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 and 50 mining claims (bentonite).

There are over 4 miles of transmission lines in the unit and over 20 miles of vehicle routes. These routes are extensive and scattered throughout the unit.

There are portions of 15 grazing allotments within the unit. The 1979 evaluation lists 13 reservoirs, 2 miles of fence and two sites with abandoned buildings.

Crested wheatgrass has been planted throughout the northern portion in the past.

Topography is rolling hills cut by shallow coulees. Major vegetation is sage and sodgrass.

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 area 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: Antelope Creek - 76

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.

