

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 (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): __Eagles Nest Coulee MT-064-353, Canyon Coulee MT-064-354 _____

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-064-353	YES (16,120) (BLM)	NO	--	--	--
Comments	The natural character of this unit is compromised so significantly by the bladed fire breaks, trampled reservoir shores, and unnatural vegetation it has no real wilderness value remaining. This unit is not recommended for further study.				
MT-064-354	YES (12,800) (BLM)	NO	--	--	--
Comments	This unit is only technically unroaded. The well maintained fire breaks (bladed yearly) are used as roads. In some places, they have cut several feet into the soil over the years. This intrusion pattern of bladed ways is visible over the entire unit and would require major effort to rehabilitate. The unit obviously and clearly has no wilderness value. It is not recommended for intensive study.				
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 353 – unit 81 Acreage 24,987
(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 area is bordered by the Britsch Road on the northwest. It continues clockwise around various private end holdings and state land continuing south where the extreme south end touches highway 2 and from there continues north around more private inholdings and state land to Britsch Road. The surrounding state and private lands and inholdings give this unit an irregular shape.

(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):

This inventory unit contains all or portions of 14 grazing allotments, numerous reservoirs and fences, including a horse camp with corrals, and numerous cattle guards.

The Bear Creek Road, which is a county road, runs through the middle of the unit (north to south) and several miles of bladed fire lines within the unit are still maintained.

The proposed route for the KXL pipeline runs through this inventory unit

65% of the area is leased for oil and gas including 4 plugged and abandoned wells.

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

Topography is relatively flat and man-made features are apparent throughout 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: 353 – unit 81

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.*