**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):**__North Valley MT-064-363 _____

**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-064-363 | YES (236,640) | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **Comments** | Though containing nearly a ¼ of a million acres, this unit is an aggregate divided by roads, Private and State property of significant size, and heavily developed. Little if any of this acreage possesses any remnants of wilderness characteristic. The unit clearly and obviously doesn't meet the requirement for study area status. | | | | |
| **Inventory source:** Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980) | | | | | |
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| **Comments** | | | | | |

## FORM 2

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

a. Area Unique Identifier____Grasslands - 86_____ Acreage___28,480_____
*(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.):*

Area has extremely fractured land pattern with many large inholdings and irregular boundary lines, giving it a "Swiss cheese" appearance. The boundaries are defined mainly by surrounding private lands and various county roads.

(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 numerous deeded tracts within the unit with bladed routes and access trails. Numerous tracts of crested wheatgrass fields are very apparent with defined boundaries and rock piles. There is a power line bisecting the area that supplies a house on deeded ground. There is a large waterfowl reservoir in the NW portion of the unit with bladed access and cattle guards. An old county road exists in the middle portion that has been bladed and high graded with bridges and culverts and cattle guards.

There are 3 plugged and abandoned wells within the unit which is 3% leased.

There are portions of 13 grazing allotments within the area with over 20 miles of interior fence, several reservoirs and miles of vehicle routes scattered throughout the irregular-shaped unit.

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:** ____Grasslands - 86_____

**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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