

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): Little Flat/MT-064-361

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-064-361	YES (13,940) (BLM)	--	--	--	--
Comments	This moderate sized unit is remote, unroaded and fairly typical of the northern plains. It also has a high degree of apparent naturalness. The unity is recommended for intensive inventory.				
Inventory source: Montana BLM's Intensive Inventory (August 1979 - November 1980)					
MT-064-361	YES (13,940) (BLM)	YES	--	NO	--
Comments	The unit will not be studied for wilderness. Although the area appears natural, it's lack of screening and ecological diversity allows 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 Little Flat - 88 Acreage 16,311
(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 shape of this unit is very irregular with large parcels of private inholdings spread throughout giving it a "Swiss cheese" appearance. The boundary is defined by State and private lands and sections of county roads including the Bluff Creek Road on the west, Hinsdale North Road to the south and Rock Creek and McEachron Roads on the east.

(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 unit is located approximately 50 miles northeast of Saco, Montana.

One plugged and abandoned well is located within the unit, which is 7% leased.

There are portions of 10 grazing allotments within the unit, over 15 miles of interior fences, and many reservoirs (approximately 36 stockwater and 2 large irrigation) throughout.

About 1,500 acres in the northern half of the unit have been chisel plowed and is visible throughout the unit. Three separate ranch headquarters and associated hay fields can be seen to the east from within the inventory area. There is a cemetery along the eastern boundary of the area.

Topography is flat with little relief. Vegetation is mainly grasses.

A right-of-way has been granted for a diversion damn in the following location T36N R36E, sec. 14, SWNE.

(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: Little Flat - 88

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.*