

6301 -Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (public)

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics 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 unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) Inventory Source: GIS, Specialist Field Knowledge, 1980s MT Wilderness Inventory. 2007 Inventory (RMP Team members)

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): Hubbard Area; MT-020-001

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Hubbard Area; MT-020-001T9S R48E

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): MCFO

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: GIS

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
MT-020-001	Y/12,268 Ac.	N	N	N	N

- Unit is located to the south of Buffalo Creek WSA.
- A maintained road, Dry Creek Road, from Moorhead to Spotted Horse is located in the middle of unit and runs west to east.
- Another road, Sams Trail Road, is located on the western portion of this acreage, further splitting the unit.
- See attached inventories for details, no change.

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: Hubbard Area/MT-020-001

Acreage 12,368

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, highlight "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes

No

Note: If "No" is highlighted the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): BLM lands are the boundary.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes

No

N/A

Note: If "No" is highlighted the area does not have wilderness characteristics; highlight "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

Land ownership is BLM intermixed with private and state land approximately 45 miles to the southwest of Broadus, MT. Topography is rugged with several drainages and canyons that drop from the rim to the valleys. Vegetation includes ponderosa pine and open areas of grass, although a fire in 2011 did burn some of the ponderosa pine on the western portion of the unit. Human improvements include several wells, tanks and pit reservoirs that have been established within the unit. Pipelines run throughout the area and there are numerous fences/pastures separating the unit even further.

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(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

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): Road noise.

(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

Note: If "No" is highlighted for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; highlight "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

Description:

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Summary of Analysis *

Area Unique Identifier: Hubbard Area; MT-020-001

Summary

Results of analysis:

This unit is not recommended for LWC as it does not meet the naturalness criteria.

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (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

Highlight one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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• This form documents information that constitutes and 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.

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