

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's Field Knowledge
- b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** North Butte Creek, MT-020-023
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** North Butte Creek, MT-020-023; T7S R59E, T7S, R60E
- 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-020-023	Y/6,666 Ac.	N	N	N	N/A

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: North Butte Creek, MT-020-023

Acreage: 6,666 Ac.

(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 land is boundary. The Highway between Alzada and Ekalaka is the west side 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): A land swap in 1985 to acquire/block BLM land. This land includes land that was chiseled. One FAMS road on the east side of unit off highway 323 otherwise the area is nearly roadless. There is approximately 1 pit or reservoir per section.

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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): The solitude is not outstanding. Test oil/gas wells on north end of unit. The highway (323) can be seen from many angles within the unit.

(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): Not outstanding.

(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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MT020-023Summary of Analysis *

Area Unique Identifier: North Butte Creek, MT-020-023

Summary

Results of analysis:

This unit is not recommended as LWC as it does not meet the naturalness criteria due to human impacts both inside and outside of the unit.

(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. Highway 323 can be seen from many locations in this unit. Additionally, human caused disturbances include; chiseling, range improvement projects (fences, pits/reservoirs) in the unit. Test well (oil/gas) can be seen on the north part of unit.

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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.