

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):** Blacktail MT-020-025
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Blacktail MT-020-025; T7S R61E; Southeast Montana, Carter County
- 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-020-025	Y/5,400 Ac.	N	N	N	N/A

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: Blacktail MT-020-025

Acreage: 5,400 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.): This unit is entirely surrounded by private land with one exception of a State section to the west of the unit. Blacktail Creek runs from the NW to the SE on the north and east side of the unit. Hay Draw runs through the southern portion of the unit. A road runs through the middle of the unit, dividing the unit in half.

(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): The topography of this unit is characterized by large open expanses of rolling grasslands and sagebrush. The dominant forms of vegetation are short grass species and sagebrush. This topography and vegetation is uniform throughout the unit. This unit contains visible spreader dikes, reservoirs and houses in the surrounding area. There are also several miles of fencing within the unit and highway noise can be heard. The unit contains a higher than average density of developments, and the cumulative effects of these impacts significantly affect the basic natural qualities of the unit. The reservoirs are easily visible due to the flat terrain. There are also transmission lines that run through the middle of the unit next to the road.

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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 as there are no major variations in topography and only minor elevation changes. There is no vegetative screening.

(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 opportunities, hunting and hiking are typical for southeastern Montana.

(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: Blacktail MT-020-025

Summary

Results of analysis:

This unit is not recommended for LWC as it does not have outstanding opportunities for solitude or outstanding opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation.

(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.