

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):** Cherry Creek MT-020-029
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Cherry Creek MT-020-029; T13N R51E
- 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-020-029	Y/5,600 Ac.	N	N	N	N/A

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: Cherry Creek MT-020-029

Acreage: 5,600 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 public land is the boundary; otherwise surrounded by private or "corner to corner" sections of other BLM administered lands. The unit is only 1 mile wide in most areas.

(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):

Topography is flat with some gently rolling hills. Coal Creek drainage and Pine Creek drainage provide some relief to the unit. Vegetation is mostly grass with some brush and hardwood trees in drainage bottoms. A few steeper coulees and low buttes are also present within the unit. A gravel pit is visible within the unit as well as powerlines and numerous maintained roads, including county roads. Numerous fences run throughout the unit that are visually noticeable due to flat terrain. There is a lack of screening due to the lack of vegetation. With the unit being only 1 mile wide in most places the unit does not prove to be large enough to give a visitor the feeling of solitude.

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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): No vegetation screening for outstanding 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

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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Summary of Analysis *

Area Unique Identifier: Cherry Creek MT-020-029

Summary

Results of analysis:

While portions of the unit have naturalness and wilderness characteristics, the unit is only 1 mile wide in various places causing cumulative effects to preclude an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The combined effect of configuration, lack of vegetative screening, and size preclude this from being recommended as lands with wilderness characteristics.

(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 (L WC).

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.