

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):** Homestead; MT-020-031
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Homestead; MT-020-031; T14N R49E
- 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-020-031	Y/11,500 Ac.	N	N	N	N/A

- FAMs Roads interior of unit
- Private in-holdings in unit.
- Highway 253 goes through the center of the unit.

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6301 -Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (public)**FORM 2****Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: Homestead; MT-020-031

Acreage: 11,500

(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.):** The boundaries of this unit consist of private land meeting BLM administered public land. State Highway 253 runs through the middle of the unit as well as numerous BLM maintained roads. There are also private in-holdings within the unit.**(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):** This unit is approximately 15 miles northwest of Terry, MT. Topography is primarily flat grassland. There are some tributaries providing some variation in the form of small to medium size coulees and small ridges. The vegetation consists of crested wheatgrass which is not natural. Brush and sage also exist as vegetation in the unit. Homestead Reservoir lies within the unit which is a highly used sportfishing reservoir. Numerous maintained 2-track roads and a State Highway run through the unit. Numerous powerlines and pipelines are visible due to the topography of the landscape. In addition there are numerous fencelines and windmills. From most parts of the unit the developments and human uses/activities are apparent. This is due to their extent and distribution combined with the open topography of the unit.

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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: Homestead; MT-020-031

Summary

Results of analysis:

This unit is not recommended for LWC, although it meets the size criterion, due to the extent and distribution of apparent developments combined with the open topography 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.

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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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