

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):** Bradshaw MT-020-034
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Bradshaw MT-020-034; T9S R47E
- 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

<b>Area Unique Identifier</b>	<b>Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)</b>	<b>Naturalness? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Yes/No</b>
MT-020-034	Y/6100 Ac.	N	Y	Y	Y

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**FORM 2**

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: Bradshaw MT-020-034

Acreage: 6,100 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.):** Contiguous block of public land west of Buffalo Creek WSA. Powder River is the SE boundary, Trail Creek is the north boundary to Bradshaw Creek and the BLM to the north of Line Creek is the southern boundary to the Powder River. This unit includes Sam's Trail Road (FAMs Rd), Bradshaw and Rough Creek.

(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 unit consists of BLM ownership with a State section on the west boundary of the unit. It is approximately 40 miles southwest of Broadus, MT. Topography is a rough landscape consisting of breaks along the Powder River. Fairly dense stands of ponderosa pine cover the ridgetops and northern slopes of the hills with the other portion of the unit consisting of sagebrush and grasses. Sam's Trail runs through the middle of the unit which is a maintained BLM road. The road runs from west to east and cuts through the middle of the unit. There are numerous other vehicle ways throughout the unit. The Little Fork fire burned throughout most of the unit in 2011, burning many of the ponderosa pine stands. Grass has recovered in the unit. There is access to this are from the Powder River and Moorhead Road. Hunting is the primary recreational use in this unit. There is potential for backpacking, hiking and wildlife viewing. Stock tanks, spring developments, large ditch and diversion on the north side of Rough Creek are visible within the unit. Due to the maintained road, developments, and numerous other vehicle ways, the unit is not considered, collectively, to have natural wilderness characteristics.

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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):**

**(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: Bradshaw MT-020-034

Summary

Results of analysis:

Even though some of the unit has been affected primarily by the forces of nature, human impact is noticeable, especially due to the maintained road cutting through the middle 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 an 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.