

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 Field Knowledge
- b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** Custer Creek MT-020-036
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Custer Creek MT-020-036; T11N 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

<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-020-036	Y/6140 Ac.	N	N	N	N/A

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**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier: Custer Creek MT-020-036

Acreage: 6,140 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.):** The unit is bounded on the north by the Terry Badlands WSA, the southeast boundary is private land & the Old Milwaukee Railroad Right-of-Way, Custer Creek is also along the north boundary and the southwest/west boundary, the southeast tip borders the Yellowstone River. Custer Creek Road is in the middle of unit. The unit is approximately 11 miles to the southwest of Terry, MT.

**(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 the area includes mostly flat terrain with some drainages. The unit is mostly undulating grassland, with some steep, rougher, badlands on the western boundary. Due to the lack of screening from little vegetation, the human uses and activities are seen from large distances. The unit has many reservoirs that are very prevalent and noticeable, numerous powerlines, roads, and the railroad borders the southeast portion 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):** Roads- interstate I-94 is visible, floodplain

**(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):** Has opportunities such as prairie dogs and hunting but they are 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:** Same as Above

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Summary of Analysis \*

Area Unique Identifier: Custer Creek MT-020-036

Summary

Results of analysis:

The unit does not meet the naturalness criterion. Powerlines, fences, vehicle ways, and the railroad are substantially noticeable due to their extent and distribution and the physiography 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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43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

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