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## BLM BATTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OFFICE RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET *Wilderness Characteristics and Wilderness Study Areas*

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The BLM Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) is revising the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the BMDO planning area. The BMDO RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's dual mandate of *multiple use* and *sustained yield*.

As part of the RMP process, the Battle Mountain interdisciplinary team must evaluate the wilderness characteristics of public lands within the planning area. In order to be considered for wilderness characteristic inventory, public lands must meet the following criteria: at least 5,000 roadless acres in size, naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude, outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, and supplemental values. Supplemental



values may include wildlife, cultural, outstanding geology, or outstanding resource features such as special species habitat or rare plant species.

**The public may propose areas on public lands that meet this criteria.**

**Only the U.S. Congress can designate an area as wilderness.**

*“Wilderness areas are special places where the earth and its community of life are essentially undisturbed...” – BLM, Utah*

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4.2 Wilderness Characteristics and WSAs



The Battle Mountain District manages and protects the areas on the following table as Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) until Congress either designates or releases them from consideration.

County	WSA Name	Map Number	Acres
Eureka	Roberts Mountain	NV060-541	15,090
Lander and Eureka	Simpson Park	NV060-428	49,670
Lander	Augusta Mountains	NV030-108	93,200
	Desatoya Mountains	NV030-110	48,150
Nye	Park Range	NV040-154	46,500
	Antelope Range	NV060-231/241	87,400
	Mountain Meadow—ISA*	NV060-221	22
	Fandango	NV060-190	40,940
	Morey Peak	NV060-191	20,120
	Blue Eagle	NV060-158/199	59,560
	Rawhide Mountain	NV060-059	64,360
	Palisade Mesa	NV060-142/162	99,550
	The Wall	NV060-163	38,000
	Riordan's Well	NV040-166	56,800
	Kawich	NV050-019	27,360
	South Reveille	NV060-112	106,200
Esmeralda	Silver Peak Range	NV060-338	33,900
	Pinyon-Joshua Instant Study Area	NV050-0337	560
	Pigeon Spring	NV060-350	3,575
	Queer Mountain	NV060-354	81,550
	Grapevine Mountains	NV060-355	69,000

***The BLM wants your input.....Tell us about your knowledge of these areas or let us know of other areas that you feel should be considered for wilderness characteristics.***

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