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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Battle Mountain

Unit Number: 1

Type of Area: Mountain range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, camping

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hiking, hunting, mining workers, sightseeing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate level of use
Public Interest	M	Close to Battle Mountain community
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Reese River Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Ghost towns and mining history are present
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Mountainous terrain found southwest of the town of Battle Mountain and near the I-80 corridor. Heavy presence of industrialized mining. Popular recreation area to local community.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Willow Creek Reservoir/Galena

Unit Number: 2

Type of Area: Recreation area

Predominant Types of Users: Campers, anglers, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Camping, fishing, historic tourism, hunting, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate
Public Interest	M	Close to Battle Mountain; easy access
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Battle Mountain, mining industry, Buffalo Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Galena Ghost Town site
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Reservoir site nestled up against the Battle Mountains; site of Galena Ghost Town

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Copper Basin Bike Trails

Unit Number: 3

Type of Area: Recreation area

Predominant Types of Users: Mountain bikers, hikers, horseback riders, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Mountain biking, hiking, hunting, historic tourism, horseback riding
Amount of Use	M	Relatively new recreation site
Public Interest	M	Close to a population center
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Agriculture, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive recreation area

Narrative:

Recreational trail network utilizing old mining access roads and single-track trail in the Battle Mountains. Excellent views of adjacent valley and easily accessible from the town of Battle Mountain.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/11/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt JLien

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Battle Mountain

Unit Number: 4

Type of Area: Population center

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, travelers

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	Locals, travelers of I-80
Amount of Use	H	High level
Public Interest	H	Larger community in the region; along I-80
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Reese River Valley, Battle Mountain, Shoshone Mountains, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	High level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Population center located in the northern edge of the District Office, along the I-80 corridor. One of the two largest cities in the within the management office boundary.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Argenta

Unit Number: 5

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, hikers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hunting, sightseeing, camping
Amount of Use	M	Moderate
Public Interest	M	Close to Battle Mountain; visible
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Reese River Valley, Whirlwind Valley, ranching, Battle Mountain, Humboldt River
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Good chukar hunting area
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive

Narrative:

Some checkerboard lands; centers around Argenta Butte in the north end of the Shoshone Range. Some industrial mining activity contributes to feeling of tolerance for resource extraction. Mountains offer tremendous views of Reece Valley, Battle Mountains.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 306 - Gold Acres to District Office Boundary

Unit Number: 7

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, mining workers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Locals, mining workers, hunters
Amount of Use	M	Not a popular through route
Public Interest	L	Area seems to be quite industrialized
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Ranching, mining, geothermal plant
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive travel corridor

Narrative:

Travel corridor connecting Crescent Valley residents and Cortez Mine with I-80. Entire valley has an industrialized feel relative to other locations in the general proximity.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: North Shoshone Range

Unit Number: 8

Type of Area: Mountain range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunting, sightseeing, hiking

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hunting, hiking, mining workers, camping, sightseeing, OHV use in areas
Amount of Use	M	Moderate
Public Interest	M	Close to NV 305, Battle Mountain
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Reese River Valley, ranching, Whirlwind Valley, geothermal production
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Mountainous terrain found southeast of the town of Battle Mountain, along the eastern edge of Reese River Valley. Northern portion contains checkerboard land ownership status, where increased mining activity is present (Augusta region).

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Mill Creek

Unit Number: 9

Type of Area: Recreation area

Predominant Types of Users: Campers, history buffs, bird watchers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Camping, hiking, Civilian Conservation Corps history tourism, bird watching, fishing, picnicking
Amount of Use	H	Close to Battle Mountain
Public Interest	M	Easy to access
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Shoshone Range, Reece River Valley, ranching, OHV use
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Civilian Conservation Corps work campsite
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive

Narrative:

Popular campground facility relatively close to Battle Mountain; popular bird watching area.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Shoshone OHV Trails

Unit Number: 10

Type of Area: Recreation area

Predominant Types of Users: OHV users, recreationists

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	OHV use, hunting, camping, recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Popular trail system
Public Interest	M	Relatively close to Battle Mountain and NV 305
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Wild horse viewing area; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive recreation area

Narrative:

Popularity growing at OHV trail network south of the town of Battle Mountain and easily accessed from NV 305. Construction of Phase I Trails in progress (60 miles total).

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 305 Battle Mountain - Austin

Unit Number: 11

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, locals

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Locals, travelers, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	H	Prominent route connecting Interstate 80 to US 50
Public Interest	H	High level
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Rounding, Reece River Valley, Shoshone Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive travel corridor

Narrative:

Roadway connecting Battle Mountain to Austin; main travel route between I-80 and US 50.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Lower Reese/Buffalo/Antelope Valley West

Unit Number: 12

Type of Area: Basin terrain region

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, travelers, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranchers, locals, outdoor recreation, hunting, wild horse viewing, accessing other areas
Amount of Use	M	Along NV 305, moderate amount of use
Public Interest	L	Low level of interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Battle Mountain Range, North Shoshone Range, Fish Creek Mountains, Augusta Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Wide-open valley terrain found along NV 305 between Battle Mountain and Austin, west of the Shoshone Range. Primarily open sage and patches of checkerboard private ranching.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Desatoya/New Pass/Augusta/Fish Creek Mountains

Unit Number: 13

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, hikers, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hunting, camping, hiking, trail history, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Not easily accessible for the most part
Public Interest	M	Moderate
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Antelope Valley, Smith Creek Valley, ranching, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Pony Express Trail passes through Desatoya Mountains portion
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Unit consists of a strip of mountains along the west edge of the District Office Boundary. Pony Express Trail passes through the southern portion, near Desatoya Mountains. Not as many opportunities for wild horse viewing near Mount Moses.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/3/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Augusta Mountain WSA

Unit Number: 14

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, primitive recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, camping, hunting, sightseeing, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Remote area; seasonal fluctuation
Public Interest	H	High; designated as potential Wilderness
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Antelope Valley West, Fish Creek Mountains, ranching, Dixie Valley (outside District Office boundary)
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive Wilderness Study Area

Narrative:

Located along the western boundary of the District Office, this mountainous area has been designated as a spectacular and significant landscape with wilderness characteristics. Provides opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: South Shoshone/Ravenswood/Reese Foothills

Unit Number: 15

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunting, hiking, wild horse viewing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hunting, wild horse viewing, camping, hiking, sightseeing, mining history buffs
Amount of Use	M	Close to NV 305 and Austin
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Reese Valley Antelope Valley, Smith Valley, ranching, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail passes through the southern end
Other Factors	M	Excellent wild horse viewing areas throughout the unit; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Large unit consists of several adjacent mountain and foothill terrain units found between the Upper Reese Valley to the east and the Smith and Antelope valleys to the west. Relatively close to NV 305 and US 50.

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Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Carico Lake Valley

Unit Number: 16

Type of Area: Basin terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Ranching, locals, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Somewhat remote, off the beaten path
Public Interest	L	Low level of use
Adjacent Land Uses	M	North Shoshone Range, Toiyabe Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Enclosed basin sandwiched between Toiyabe Range to the east and Shoshone Range to the west.

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Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Toiyabe Range

Unit Number: 17

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hiking, camping, hunting, sightseeing, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate use
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Grass Valley, Carico Lake Valley, ranching, National Forest, Simpson Park Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Mountain range unit found east of the Reese River Valley. Southern end abuts National Forest and is in close proximity to the town of Austin. Visible form NV 305.

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Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Grass Valley/Callaghan Foothills

Unit Number: 18

Type of Area: Basin

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, hunters, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing, oil and gas workers
Amount of Use	L	Low amount of use
Public Interest	L	Fairly remote destination
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Toiyabe Range, Simpson Park Mountains, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Dry lakebed feature
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Enclosed basin with dry lake feature. Unit found between Toiyabe Range and Simpson Park Mountains. Contains both flat valley terrain and some rolling foothills in the southern portion. Some presence of oil and gas development.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/3/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Simpson Park WSA

Unit Number: 19

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, primitive recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, primitive camping, hunting, sightseeing, outdoor recreation
Amount of Use	M	Remote area
Public Interest	H	Designated as potential wilderness
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Monitor and Kobeh Valleys, Monitor Range, Roberts Mountains, Grass Valley, Denay Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive Wilderness Study Area

Narrative:

Located in the Simpson Park Range, between the Toiyabe Range to the west and Roberts Mountains to the east. Designated as having wilderness qualities and ample opportunity for solitude and primitive outdoor experiences.

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Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Simpson Park Mountains

Unit Number: 20

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, wild horse viewing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hiking, camping, hunting, sightseeing, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate use
Public Interest	M	Moderately close to US 50 travel route
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kobeh Valley, ranching, Roberts Mountains, Denay Valley, Grass Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Wild horse viewing; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Mountain range located along US 50 to the south, Kobeh Valley and Roberts Mountains to the east, and Grass Valley to the west. Good wild horse viewing opportunities.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Denay/Garden Valley

Unit Number: 21

Type of Area: Basin

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, outdoor recreationists, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, wild horse viewing, Roberts Mountains access
Amount of Use	L	Low level of use
Public Interest	M	Adjacent to Roberts Mountain Wilderness Study Area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Simpson Park Mountains, Roberts Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Sulphur Spring Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Unit consists of rolling basin terrain to the north of Roberts Mountains. Good wild horse viewing area.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Tonkin Springs/Roberts

Unit Number: 22

Type of Area: Recreation area

Predominant Types of Users: Anglers, campers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing, hunting, camping, hiking, fishing
Amount of Use	H	Lots of users
Public Interest	H	Close to US 50, Eureka
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Roberts Mountain Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive recreation area

Narrative:

Popular area surrounding the Roberts Mountain Wilderness Study Area. Utilized for outdoor recreation and popular for wild horse viewing.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/3/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Roberts Mountain WSA

Unit Number: 23

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hikers, hunters, solitude seekers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Geology, rockhounding, hiking, primitive camping and outdoor recreation
Amount of Use	H	Popular remote area
Public Interest	H	Renowned worldwide for unique geological characteristics
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kobeh, Denay Valley, Sulphur Spring Range, Simpson Park Range, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Some of the world's finest marine fossil beds
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive Wilderness Study Area, noteworthy for geologic/vegetative uniqueness within the region

Narrative:

Relatively close to Eureka and US 50. Offers extensive opportunities for remote solitude. Close to multiple industrialized mine operations including Mt. Hope, an important part of the area economy.

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Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 278 - US 50 to North District Office Boundary

Unit Number: 24

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, local residents

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Residents of Eureka, travelers, recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	H	Main route from Eureka to I-80
Public Interest	M	Moderate
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Diamond Valley, Roberts Mountain, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive travel corridor

Narrative:

Popular travel route for Eureka area residents and travelers to get from US 50 to I-80 to the north.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Garden Foothills/Sulphur Springs

Unit Number: 25

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunting, hiking

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Locals, hikers, hunters, sightseers, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Moderately close to Eureka
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Mining activity at Roberts and Mt. Hope; Kobeh Valley, Diamond Valley ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express Trail passes through the unit
Other Factors	M	Wild horse viewing; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Lower mountains and foothills terrain found east of Roberts Mountains and west of Diamond Valley. Increasing presence of industrialized mine activity near Mt. Hope.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Diamond Valley

Unit Number: 26

Type of Area: Basin

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, hunters, US 50 travelers, rock hounds

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, sightseeing, wild horse viewing, rock hounding, access to Diamond Range
Amount of Use	L	Close to Eureka, but generally low
Public Interest	M	US 50 and NV 378 pass through
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Diamond Range, Sulphur Springs Range, Fish Creek Range, industrialized mining
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail
Other Factors	L	Large dry lakebed; unit partially overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Large basin northwest of Eureka between Diamond Mountains, Sulphur Springs Range. Southern end of valley has more population, irrigated agriculture, and visual exposure to industrialized mining. Horse locations, primarily along eastern flanks of valley.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Diamond/Fish Creek/Antelope Range

Unit Number: 27

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hikers, hunters, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hiking, camping, wild horse viewing, hunting, sightseeing
Amount of Use	M	Relatively close to Eureka and US 50 corridor
Public Interest	M	Moderate
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Diamond Valley, Antelope Valley, Little Smoky Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail passes through the Diamond Range
Other Factors	M	Unique vegetation offers interest
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Long stretch of mountainous terrain is quite scenic and moderately popular for Eureka area residents and US 50 travelers. Unique varieties of vegetation communities adds interest, as well as wild horses and Pony Express Trail.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/11/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt JLien

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Eureka

Unit Number: 28

Type of Area: Population center

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Locals, travelers, mining workers, hunters, history buffs, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	H	High; located along US 50
Public Interest	H	High interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Diamond Range, Fish Creek Range, Diamond Valley, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Historic Overland Stage Route passes through the area; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	High level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Population center near the eastern edge of the District Office boundary. Heavy presence of industrialized mining operations, which plays an important economic role in the region.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Fish Creek Range

Unit Number: 29

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, outdoor recreationists, wild horse viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hunting, hiking, camping, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Relatively close to Eureka
Public Interest	M	Moderate level of interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kobeh Valley, Eureka, ranching, Antelope Wilderness Study Area, Little Smoky Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive region

Narrative:

Mountainous terrain offers excellent opportunity for hunting as well as viewing scenery, with its unique ecosystem and diverse vegetative species. Relatively close to Eureka, this area offers excellent views of distant valleys and mountains.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Little Smoky Valley

Unit Number: 30

Type of Area: Basin

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, hunters

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, sightseeing, camping, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Low level of use
Public Interest	L	Low on the radar
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Fish Creek, Antelope, and Park Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Large valley unit that is found along the eastern edge of the District Office, east of Eureka and Fish Creek Range. Majority of unit lies in adjacent BLM Ely District Office.

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Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Fish Creek/Antelope Valley

Unit Number: 31

Type of Area: Rolling terrain, foothills

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, outdoor recreationists

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing, mining history, sightseeing
Amount of Use	M	Relatively close to US 50 and Eureka
Public Interest	M	Moderate
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Antelope Valley, Antelope Range, Fish Creek Range
Special Area Sensitivity	M	Wild horse viewing area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive

Narrative:

Rolling hills and mountain terrain along the west edge of the Fish Creek Range east of Antelope Valley. Popular wild horse viewing area. Home to the curly horse, known for its unique, curly coat.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Monitor/Antelope/Kobeh Valley

Unit Number: 32

Type of Area: Basin terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, Pony Express history buffs, hunters

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, sightseeing, wild horse viewing, trail history buffs, mine workers, US 50 travelers
Amount of Use	L	Elevated use along historic trail; most of unit has low level of use
Public Interest	L	Increased exposure due to US 50, but generally low
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Mining in Roberts Mountains; Fish Creek, Antelope, Monitor, and Toquima Ranges; and Simpson Park Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express Trail passes through
Other Factors	NA	Not present
Overall Rating	L	Low level sensitivity

Narrative:

Large basin unit combines Kobeh, Monitor, and Antelope Valley west of Eureka. Unit surrounded by mountainous terrain in all directions. Some National Forest to the south and Roberts Mountain to the north, where industrialized mining activity is present.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Roberts Mountain HMA

Unit Number: 33

Type of Area: Horse Management Area

Predominant Types of Users: Outdoor recreationists, hunters

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, camping, hunting, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	H	Hunting activity creates seasonal increases
Public Interest	M	Relatively close to US 50 and Eureka
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kobeh Valley, ranching, mining
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express Trail passes through
Other Factors	M	Wild horse viewing; Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive, rugged, and scenic destination

Narrative:

Wild horse viewing area, located adjacent to Roberts Mountain and vast Kobeh Valley to the south. Significant presence of mining activity is prominent to the passer-by. Pony Express Trail passes through.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Grimes/Black Rock Foothills

Unit Number: 34

Type of Area: Mountainous range terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, locals accessing National Forest

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Ranching, hunting, hiking, camping, outdoor recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Close to US 50 and Eureka
Public Interest	M	Adjacent to National Forest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ranching, Monitor Valley, Kobeh Valley, Antelope Valley, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	M	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate sensitivity

Narrative:

Foothills found along the edge of Monitor Range and National Forest land. Northern portion is more visible and easily accessed from US 50.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Diana's Punchbowl

Unit Number: 35

Type of Area: Unique geologic feature

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseers geology buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Day-use visitors, sightseers, locals
Amount of Use	M	Moderate
Public Interest	H	Not difficult to access
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Ranching, Monitor Valley, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Unique elevated view opportunity within the middle of a basin unit; hot spring
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive

Narrative:

Limestone dome located in the Monitor Valley. At the top a circular shaft drops vertically into a nearly boiling hot pool of water. The dome offers prominent views of wide-open valley and adjacent National Forest. Located on private land.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: US 50 West - East District Office Boundary

Unit Number: 36

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, sightseers, travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Historic route sightseeing, local, and recreation, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	H	Scenic route
Public Interest	H	Lots of users
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, ranching, archeological sites
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Designated the "Loneliest Highway in America"
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive travel corridor

Narrative:

Portion of America's Loneliest Highway passing through the District Office in an east-west direction. The route passes through Eureka and Austin. Wild burros present in area closer to Spencer Hot Springs.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site

Unit Number: 37

Type of Area: Archeological/recreation site

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseers, travelers, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, camping, rock art hunting, day-use recreation, horseback riding, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	H	Located along a prominent travel route (US 50)
Public Interest	H	Highly popular
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kobeh Valley, Simpson Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Historic landmark
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly popular recreation site along US 50

Narrative:

Located between Austin and Eureka. Numerous examples of rock art and other archaeological artifacts. Day-use facilities as well as overnight camping are available. Newly constructed equestrian/hiking trails drawing attention to the area.

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Pony Express National Historic Trail

Unit Number: 38

Type of Area: Historic Trail corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Hunters, recreationists, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hunting, historic tourism, recreation, wild horse viewing, locals
Amount of Use	H	Popular area
Public Interest	H	Widely recognized National Historic Trail
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ranching, Diamond Mountains, Roberts Mountain, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	H	National Historic Trail
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive historic trail

Narrative:

Popular historic site, passing through the width of the District Office. Corridor utilized for mail delivery for a brief period between 1860-1861.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Cape Horn-Overland Stage Station

Unit Number: 39

Type of Area: Historic trail corridor

Predominant Types of Users: History buffs, US 50 travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Sightseers, locals, history buffs, Pony Express Trail users, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Easily accessed by US 50 travelers
Public Interest	H	Associated with the Pony Express-era and later stage route
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ranching, Simpson Park Range, Big Smoky Valley, National Forest, Toquima Range, Toiyabe Range
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Historic site
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive historic site

Narrative:

Historic site located along US 50 east of Austin, near Cape Horn at the south end of the Simpson Park Range.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/4/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Big Smoky Valley

Unit Number: 40

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Ranching, agriculture, mining

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Primarily people who are using land for ranching or production, wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	L	Mostly local use
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	National Forest, several mountains and ranges, Tonopah
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Large valley with ranching, agriculture, and mining influences

Narrative:

Large valley in the Tonopah Basin that is approximately 100 miles long running north-south. Valley has several small communities. The Round Mountain Mine, an open-pit, heap-leach gold mine, operates in the valley.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 376 at US 50 to US 6

Unit Number: 41

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, locals

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Travel, local use, sightseeing, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	H	Main route connecting US 50 to US 6
Public Interest	H	Lots of users
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive travel corridor

Narrative:

Popular travel corridor connecting US 50 near Austin and Eureka to US 60 to the south near Tonopah. Passes through Big Smoky Valley with scenic views of National Forest and the Toiyabe and Toiyabe Ranges.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/11/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt JLien

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Austin

Unit Number: 42

Type of Area: Population center

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Locals, travelers, history buffs, sightseers
Amount of Use	H	High
Public Interest	H	Next to National Forest and US 50 route
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, Toiyabe Range, Reese River Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	High level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Population center located near the intersection of US 50 and NV 305, along the west edge of the Toiyabe Range. The community overlooks the Upper Reese River Valley.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Upper Reese Valley

Unit Number: 43

Type of Area: Basin Terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, hunters

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Ranching, hunting, outdoor recreation
Amount of Use	L	Mainly travelers on NV 305, Austin residents
Public Interest	M	Quite visible to travelers of NV 305
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ravenswood Mountains, Shoshone Range, Toiyabe Range, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	L	Low level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Upper portion of the Reese River Valley in the general vicinity of Austin. The southern portion of the valley is surrounded by National Forest in the Shoshone and Toiyabe Ranges.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 722 - Austin to West District Office Boundary

Unit Number: 44

Type of Area: Travel corridor

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseers, locals

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Sightseeing, hunting, locals, recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate level of use; scenic drive
Public Interest	M	Moderate
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Ranching, Desatoya Mountains, Shoshone Mountains, Smith Creek Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Old US 50, historic Lincoln Highway
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive travel route

Narrative:

Scenic travel route is an alternative to US 50, crossing over Carroll Summit.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/3/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Desatoya Mountains WSA

Unit Number: 45

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, primitive recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, primitive camping, hunting, outdoor recreation
Amount of Use	M	Remote; seasonal use fluctuates
Public Interest	H	High; designated as potential Wilderness
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Smith Creek Valley, Shoshone Mountains, ranching, Edwards Creek Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive area

Narrative:

Located along the western boundary of the District Office, this mountainous area has been designated as a spectacular and significant landscape with wilderness characteristics. Provides opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Smith Creek Valley

Unit Number: 46

Type of Area: Basin terrain

Predominant Types of Users: Ranchers, hunters, trail history buffs, land sailing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Ranching, hunting, sightseeing, Pony Express Trail users, land sailing, outdoor recreation, hot springs, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Easily accessed, located along NV 722
Public Interest	M	Moderately distinctive dry lakebed
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Desatoya Range, Shoshone Range, National Forest, Ione Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail
Other Factors	M	Dry lake utilized for land sailing; hot springs use; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Moderate level of sensitivity

Narrative:

Large basin area with a distinctive dry lakebed, utilized annually by land sailing groups. Sits between the Desatoya Mountains to the west and Shoshone Mountains to the east. Pony Express Trail passes through, adding a layer of importance to sensitivity.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/4/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Ione

Unit Number: 47

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs, residents

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Primarily people interested in mining history and ghost towns; a few residents
Amount of Use	M	Easy access; a small population of people lives there
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	National Forest, Ione Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Interesting town with historic structures

Narrative:

An old mining town that is not abandoned and has intact buildings and structures. The town is completely surrounded by BLM land.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/9/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park

Unit Number: 48

Type of Area: State Park

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Camping, hiking, historic site, nature study
Amount of Use	H	Developed facilities, including a visitor center
Public Interest	H	Designated State Park and National Natural Landmark
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, Ione Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	H	State Park
Other Factors	H	Designated National Natural Landmark
Overall Rating	H	Interesting area with fossils and a ghost town

Narrative:

This is the only known site containing fossil remains of 37 of the largest forms of Ichthyosaur, some up to 45 feet in length. Also contains the ghost town of Berlin which has been preserved. Located on State Park land.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 844 to Berlin

Unit Number: 49

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation and history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Camping, hiking, historic sightseeing, fossils
Amount of Use	M	Site receives a moderate amount of use
Public Interest	H	Slate Park and Berlin are destination points
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Ione Valley and National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Main travel route to State Park and ghost town

Narrative:

This route crosses the Ione Valley and leads to the ghost town of Berlin and the Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park. The site has a viewshed of Ione Valley.

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Date: 3/9/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Pactolus and Royston Hills

Unit Number: 50

Type of Area: Foothills

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, minor recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Some mining in the area, possibly low recreation use, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Mostly for mining access
Public Interest	L	Area does not have many unique features
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ione Valley, National Forest, Big Smoky Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Series of low hills

Narrative:

A series of small, lower-profile hills on the western edge of the District Office boundary.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/9/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: National Forest Foothills

Unit Number: 52

Type of Area: Foothills

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking hiking and camping opportunities, access to National Forest, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Most use occurs on adjacent land
Public Interest	M	Viewshed is part of adjacent landscape
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Provides access through BLM to National Forest

Narrative:

BLM ownership includes land at the base of National Forest, typically lower elevations and foothills transitioning to valleys. Many of these areas offer small, scenic areas such as Mosquito Creek, Bailey Creek, and Indian Canyon.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/4/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Crescent Sand Dunes

Unit Number: 53

Type of Area: Recreation, geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Camping, OHV use

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Mostly used for OHV recreation and some general interest
Amount of Use	M	Area is small but easily accessible from Tonopah
Public Interest	M	General public interest; close proximity to Tonopah
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Big Smoky Valley, San Antonio Mountains, Royston Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Interesting, but small dunes near Tonopah

Narrative:

Small dune complex visible from Highway 95; small camping area and OHV recreation. Home to several unique species, including several beetles and the pale kangaroo mouse.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Ray

Unit Number: 54

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in ghost towns and mining history
Amount of Use	L	Not a main travel route; small site
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	San Antonio Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Scenic area with ghost towns north of Tonopah

Narrative:

This area closed in the 1940s. Mine ruins and several buildings remain along the canyon road in a scenic area.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: San Antonio Mountains and Goldfield Hills

Unit Number: 55

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, limited recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	The area has been heavily impacted by mining; likely some minor hiking, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Concentrated at mining areas
Public Interest	L	Area heavily impacted by mining
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Big Smoky Valley; provides backdrop to Tonopah and Goldfield
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Mining activity is evident

Narrative:

The mountains and hills provide a backdrop to Tonopah and Goldfield and are visible from Highway 95. The area has been noticeably impacted by mining activity. Midway site is considered noteworthy for its cultural values.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Manhattan

Unit Number: 56

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs, residents

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Primarily people interested in mining history and ghost towns; a few residents
Amount of Use	M	Easy access; a few residents
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving the mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	National Forest, Big Smoky Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	An old mining town with extensive and interesting structures

Narrative:

The remaining structures at Manhattan are extensive and very interesting. In a mixture of private and BLM land.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Hunts Canyon

Unit Number: 57

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation opportunities, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Flowing water and access to National Forest are attractions
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, Ralston Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Access to National Forest; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Scenic canyon with access to National Forest

Narrative:

A scenic canyon in the Monitor Range that has geologic interest and has a flowing creek. The canyon continues onto National Forest land.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Monitor Range

Unit Number: 58

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People seeking dispersed recreation of hiking and camping, access to National Forest, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	L	Most use occurs on adjacent areas
Public Interest	M	Viewshed is part of adjacent landscape
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Ralston Valley, National Forest, Stone Cabin Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Provides access to Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

Narrative:

The Monitor Range on BLM land is primarily the lower elevations and foothills. Includes White Rock Canyon, an especially scenic area within the unit.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Stone Cabin Valley

Unit Number: 59

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Local use, wildlife viewing, access to adjacent areas

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Viewing of wild horses, access to National Forest, local use
Amount of Use	M	Local use, access to National Forest, wild horse viewing
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, Hot Creek Range, Kawich Range, Highway 6
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Important wild horse viewing area; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Scenic valley with wild horse viewing

Narrative:

A scenic valley adjacent to the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest with good opportunities for viewing wild horses.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Tybo-McIntyre

Unit Number: 60

Type of Area: Old mining town, scenic canyon

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in mining history, sightseeing through the canyon, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access from Hot Creek Valley; site is known
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving the history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Rawhide Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Hot Creek Range, Hot Creek and Stone Cabin Valleys
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Interesting site with many original buildings, a cemetery, and charcoal kilns

Narrative:

An old gold-mining town with a history of clashing cultures between Irish, Central European, and Cornish residents. One of the better ghost towns in the area, situated in a scenic canyon. The remains of charcoal kilns can be seen in the area

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Rawhide Mountain WSA

Unit Number: 61

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, nature study, photography, camping

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking solitude and primitive recreation opportunities; hunting, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Primarily low, with increased use during hunting season
Public Interest	H	Mining industry interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Hot Creek Range, Hot Creek Valley, Stone Cabin Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	The Tybo Kilns, built in the 1870s, are on the National Register of Historic Places; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Very rugged area; contains Tybo Kilns

Narrative:

Located in the Hot Creek Range, this area is generally in a natural state. The central portion of the range is extremely rugged with a maze of peaks, outcrops, drainages, and pristine riparian settings around springs.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Reveille, Kawich, Hot Creek Ranges

Unit Number: 62

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, history buffs, mining

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation of hiking, camping; viewing old mining areas; isolated mining, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Ranges offer a variety of uses and have easy access
Public Interest	H	The area is scenic and has a lot of interesting history
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Nellis Air Force Range, several valleys, several Wilderness Study Areas, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Very scenic ranges offering a variety of uses

Narrative:

Very scenic and diverse ranges along the Highway 6 and Highway 375 corridors. This area has numerous areas of heightened sensitivity including Wilderness Study Areas, Mountain View Arrastra, and Silver Bow Historic Site.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Hot Creek

Unit Number: 63

Type of Area: Old mining town/ranch

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing/history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in the history of the area, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Easy access to the site at the edge of the valley
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving the history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Hot Creek Range, Hot Creek Valley, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Old mining town and ranch with easy access from Hot Creek Valley

Narrative:

Once an old mining town, the Hot Creek Ranch Company organized a large ranch encompassing the old townsite.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Fandango WSA

Unit Number: 64

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, backpacking, nature study, photography, fishing, hunting

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Popular with locals and non-locals; hunters are attracted to the area; popular for photography
Amount of Use	L	Vehicle access around the Wilderness Study Area is good; only a small portion is BLM
Public Interest	M	Mostly focused on the part managed by U.S. Forest Service
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Morey Peak Wilderness Study Area, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	M	Two sets of charcoal kilns; numerous prehistoric sites (on National Forest)
Overall Rating	H	Diverse Wilderness Study Area primarily managed by U.S. Forest Service

Narrative:

The focus of this unit is the rugged, mountainous core along the Fandango Ridge, located in the Hot Creek Range. South Sixmile Creek is the only perennial stream in the Hot Creek Mountains. Only a small portion is on BLM land.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Morey Peak WSA

Unit Number: 65

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Mountain climbing, photography, sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking solitude and primitive recreation opportunities; climbing Morey Peak
Amount of Use	L	Vehicle access to WSA is good; only a small portion is BLM
Public Interest	L	Mostly focused on the part managed by U.S. Forest Service
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Fandango Wilderness Study Area, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Prehistoric cultural resource sites; largest populations of big game in the area; charcoal kilns (on National Forest)
Overall Rating	H	Diverse Wilderness Study Area primarily managed by U.S. Forest Service

Narrative:

This unit is in the Hot Creek Range. Central point of interest is Morey Peak, which provides a dominant viewpoint from surrounding valleys. Contains one of only two known locations of bristlecone pines growing in volcanic soil. A small portion is on BLM.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Moores Station and Jumbled Rock Petroglyphs

Unit Number: 66

Type of Area: Cultural

Predominant Types of Users: History buffs, cultural resources

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People interested in ghost towns, mining history, and cultural resources
Amount of Use	M	Stage house on private property, petroglyph
Public Interest	H	Area includes petroglyphs and historic stage stops
Adjacent Land Uses	NP	National Forest, Park Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Old stage stop in an area that also has petroglyphs

Narrative:

The stage house at Moore's Station is in good condition and is on private property. In addition to the historic buildings, the area also has petroglyphs. The Jumbled Rock Petroglyphs are included in this unit.

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Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Antelope Range WSA

Unit Number: 67

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, backpacking, photography

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Hiking, primitive camping, solitude seeking, archaeological site exploration, hunting, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Extremely remote; low visitation
Public Interest	H	Designated as having Wilderness qualities
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Hot Creek Range, National Forest, Antelope Valley, Little Smoky Valley, ranching
Special Area Sensitivity	H	James Wild Horse Trap (National Register of Historic Places), Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Highly sensitive Wilderness Study Area

Narrative:

Located roughly 20 miles from the nearest paved highway, this remote and rugged landscape offers numerous opportunities for solitude seekers and primitive recreation.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Park Range WSA

Unit Number: 68

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, camping, wildlife observation, photography, hunting

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Abundance of water makes recreation use more enjoyable; outstanding opportunities for solitude; wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Low visitation to area
Public Interest	M	Moderate public interest
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, Antelope Range Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Unique and important archaeological record; important nesting area for many raptors; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Pristine qualities and archaeological interest

Narrative:

An area of pristine qualities, unique high meadows and volcanic spines, and archaeological and historic values. The area is in remarkably natural condition.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Park Range

Unit Number: 69

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation opportunities like hiking and camping, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Water sources and access to Park Range Wilderness Study Area are a draw
Public Interest	H	The Park Range is a scenic area with many draws
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Hot Creek Valley, Park Range Wilderness Study Area, Moores Station, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Unique and varied qualities plus access to National Forest Wilderness

Narrative:

A very scenic area with interesting mining and settlement history. This area has unique qualities, interesting geologic features, and archaeological and historic values.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Lunar Crater Back Country Byway

Unit Number: 71

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Geologic sightseeing, hiking, picnicking, scenic drives, off-highway driving

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Primarily people interested in the geology of the area and sightseeing, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Route is marked and has some interpretive information
Public Interest	H	Passes through a unique geologic area
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area, The Wall Wilderness Study Area, Lunar Crater Volcanic Field
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Designed Back Country Byway
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Designated byway through interesting volcanic features

Narrative:

Route provides access to the Lunar Crater and other notable features in the Lunar Crater Volcanic Field.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Lunar Crater

Unit Number: 72

Type of Area: National Natural Landmark

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People interested in geologic features and sightseers, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Easy access to site; remote area
Public Interest	H	Nationally designated site
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Lunar Crater Back Country Byway, The Wall Wilderness Study Area, Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	H	National Natural Landmark, Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Unique, nationally recognized geologic feature

Narrative:

A large, impressive, circular crater that is part of the Lunar Crater Volcanic Field. Marked overlook provides good views of surrounding area. This site is a designated National Natural Landmark.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Black Rock Lava Field

Unit Number: 73

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in the geology of the area and sightseeing, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Site is marked and has some interpretive information
Public Interest	H	Area has unique and interesting volcanic activity
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Lunar Crater Back Country Byway, Lunar Crater Special Recreation Management Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Up-close look at an interesting volcanic feature

Narrative:

Part of the Lunar Crater Lava Field, it is the youngest flow in the volcanic field. A road provides short, easy access from US Highway 6.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Pancake Range

Unit Number: 74

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, camping, sightseeing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Hiking, some camping, sightseeing, wild horse viewing; area has many draws
Amount of Use	H	Lunar Crater and Black Rock Lava Flow draw people to the area
Public Interest	H	This area has many notable features
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Lunar Crater National Natural Landmark, The Wall Wilderness Study Area, Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area, Black Rock Lava Field
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Area of interesting geology surrounded by notable features

Narrative:

This area has very interesting geologic features from volcanic activity. There are developed facilities in the area such as a byway, overlook for the crater, and signage. Easy access from Highways 6 and 375.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Railroad Valley Wildlife Management Area

Unit Number: 75

Type of Area: Wildlife management area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, backpacking, wildlife viewing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Recreational users primarily there for hiking and wildlife viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate level of use
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Railroad Valley, Railroad Valley Playa
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	NA	Not present
Overall Rating	H	Good area for birding and wildlife viewing

Narrative:

This area is a terrific birding place and provides habitat for migratory and nesting waterfowl, non-game birds, mammals, and fish. The area is not visible from the highway.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Blue Eagle and Riordan's Well WSA

Unit Number: 76

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Areas

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, hunting, backpacking, nature study, photography, trapping, climbing,

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking solitude and primitive recreation
Amount of Use	L	Low amount of use in interior due to ruggedness
Public Interest	M	Some interest for wilderness recommendations and potential for oil and gas and gold
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Humboldt National Forest, Railroad Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Bighorn sheep and isolated stands of Ponderosa pines, bristlecone pines
Overall Rating	H	Area is in a highly natural condition and offers primitive recreation opportunities

Narrative:

Two contiguous WSAs located in the Grant Range. The Blue Eagle WSA includes a small portion of Railroad Valley. The WSAs are part of a series of BLM and FS-managed WSAs that encompass a large extent of the Grant and Quinn Canyon Ranges.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Quinn Canyon and Grant Range

Unit Number: 77

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation of hiking and camping; access to National Forest
Amount of Use	L	More use occurs on adjacent areas
Public Interest	M	Viewshed is part of adjacent landscape
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Blue Eagle and Riordan's Well Wilderness Study Areas, Humboldt National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Foothills provide access to Wilderness Study Areas and National Forest

Narrative:

Primarily lower areas and foothills of the Quinn Canyon and Grant Range outside of National Forest and Wilderness Study Areas. Some recreation use on lower slopes but mostly on upper, adjacent areas to BLM land. A notable scenic area is Willow Creek.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Railroad Valley Playa

Unit Number: 78

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Geologic sightseeing, oil and gas

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People interested in unique playa; some oil and gas activity. Would be sensitive to change.
Amount of Use	L	Feature is not heavily traveled
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Railroad Valley, Wildlife Management Areas
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Good example of a large playa

Narrative:

A large, distinct dry-lake playa that is easily seen in Railroad Valley.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Railroad Valley

Unit Number: 79

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Ranching, oil, local use

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Primarily people who are using land for ranching or production
Amount of Use	L	Mostly localized use
Public Interest	M	Oil activity generates interest
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, The Wall Wilderness Study Area, Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area, South Reveille Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	L	Large valley with ranching and oil production

Narrative:

A large valley in the Tonopah Basin running north-south for approximately 80 miles. The valley includes several springs and has four separate Wildlife Management Areas. The valley also has several small oil fields.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: The Wall WSA

Unit Number: 80

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Bouldering, rock climbing, hiking

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Area has bouldering and rock-climbing routes; people are attracted to recreation opportunities
Amount of Use	M	Easy access, near designated Back Country Byway
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area, Lunar Crater National Natural Landmark, Lunar Crater Back Country Byway
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Impressive and prominent rock formation

Narrative:

This unit is dominated by an impressive rock formation known as The Wall. It is located in the Pancake Range and includes a portion of Railroad Valley.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Palisade Mesa WSA

Unit Number: 81

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Climbing, nature study, hiking, backpacking, hunting, horseback riding, clim

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Lots of rock climbing opportunities; solitude and primitive recreation opportunities
Amount of Use	L	Hiking and camping are difficult due to terrain and unpredictable water sources; access to rock climbing
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	The Wall Wilderness Study Area, Lunar Crater National Natural Landmark, Lunar Crater Back Country Byway
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	The Lunar Crater is listed on the National Natural Landmark Register
Overall Rating	H	Unusual landforms created by volcanic activity

Narrative:

This unit lies in the Pancake Range and is adjacent to The Wall Wilderness Study Area. The area is covered with many unusual landforms relating to its volcanic heritage.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Extraterrestrial Highway

Unit Number: 82

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Tourists, travelers

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Provides local access as well as access for tourists interested in claims of UFO sightings
Amount of Use	L	The highway remains a lightly traveled route
Public Interest	H	Area receives some tourism and UFO seekers
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Palisade Mesa Wilderness Study Area, South Reveille Wilderness Study Area, Railroad Valley, and Hot Creek Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	H	State officially designated the route
Other Factors	H	Many travelers have reported UFO observations and other strange alien activity
Overall Rating	H	Highway has unique ties to reported UFO and alien activity

Narrative:

Also known as Highway 375, this route starts in Warm Springs and extends 98 miles; proximity to famed "Area 51" with many claims of UFO sightings along the road.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: South Reveille WSA

Unit Number: 83

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Climbing, hunting, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, photography, bird

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Outstanding places to find seclusion, opportunities for primitive recreation, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	In a more remote area
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Range, Kawich Range, Railroad and Reveille Valleys
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Interesting natural area surrounded by BLM land

Narrative:

A very natural area of large and small canyons, many rock outcrops, spires, and ridges. This area is completely surrounded by BLM public lands.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Warm Springs

Unit Number: 84

Type of Area: Old settlement

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, sightseeing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Local travelers and visitors pass by the site due to proximity to roads
Amount of Use	M	At the intersection of US 6 and NV 375
Public Interest	M	Interesting structures, small area, very visible
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kawich Range, Hot Creek Range, Hot Creek Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Old travel stop at crossroads

Narrative:

At the junction of US 6 and NV 375. Has a long history as a rest stop for visitors and has several hot springs. There used to be a small store and inn with a swimming pool.

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Date: 3/4/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Bellehelen Canyon

Unit Number: 85

Type of Area: Scenic canyon, old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs, hiking

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Primarily people interested in mining history and ghost towns, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Scenic canyon and interesting site
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Kawich Range, Hot Creek Valley, Stone Cabin Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Scenic canyon and historic site

Narrative:

A scenic canyon in the Kawich Range with historic mine structures and the old mining town of Bellehelen. Old structures are still present but are in varying condition.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Kawich WSA

Unit Number: 86

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, backpacking, hunting, horseback riding, climbing, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	M	People seeking solitude and primitive recreation opportunities, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Some access to area
Public Interest	H	High potential for mineral and energy exploration and development
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Range, Stone Cabin and Hot Creek Valleys
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Large population of mule deer wintering; wild horse population; numerous wildlife species; unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Rugged area generally in a natural state

Narrative:

The majority of the Wilderness Study Area is rugged and access is often restricted due to excessive slope. A wide, flat plateau in the center contains two small lakes. The area is generally in a natural state.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Haws Canyon

Unit Number: 87

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed hiking, camping; wildlife viewing, sightseeing, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Moderate use; seasonal
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Kawich Range Wilderness Study Area, Stone Cabin Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Near the historic site of Golden Arrow; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A scenic canyon in the Kawich Range

Narrative:

A scenic canyon in the Kawich Range that provides good opportunity for wildlife viewing. Adjacent to the Wilderness Study Area. Golden Arrow site offers good opportunity for wild horse viewing and photography.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: US 6 to Coaldale

Unit Number: 88

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Local use, people traveling through

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Local residents, people traveling to other destinations, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	H	Major route for the area; provides local access and beyond
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Columbus Salt Marsh, Candelaria Hills, Rock Hill Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Good views of the Columbus Salt Marsh, opportunities for wild horse viewing; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	One of the major east-west routes in the District Office

Narrative:

This segment runs west from Coaldale to the District Office boundary before starting to head south to Benton and beyond. US 6 is a major route and intersects with US 95. Communications site and private lands at intersection of US 6/95.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Mud Lake

Unit Number: 89

Type of Area: Area of Critical Environmental Concern

Predominant Types of Users: Geologic sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People interested in unique landform; would be sensitive to change
Amount of Use	L	Feature is not heavily used
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Range, Ralston Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Interesting feature that stands out due to its starkness

Narrative:

An interesting dry lakebed that is also in the adjacent Nellis Air Force Range.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Tonopah

Unit Number: 90

Type of Area: Community

Predominant Types of Users: Residents, travelers, mining, history buffs

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People who live/work in the community; travelers
Amount of Use	H	Population center as well as crossroads for travelers
Public Interest	M	Viewshed already impacted by mining activity
Adjacent Land Uses	M	San Antonio Mountains, Smoky Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Town is a major hub for the area; impacted by mining

Narrative:

A major population center for this part of the District Office. The town sits at the crossroads of US 95 and US 6. The town has several historic sites and is also an active community.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: US 95

Unit Number: 91

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Local use, travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People traveling from local communities as well as access to Las Vegas and other areas, wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	H	This is a major north-south route from Las Vegas
Public Interest	H	Route provides access to historic areas and passes through a variety of scenery
Adjacent Land Uses	H	A wide variety: communities, valleys, ranges
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Major travel route connecting communities

Narrative:

US 95 is a major travel route that connects several communities and extends to Las Vegas. The road travels through scenic areas and historic communities.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Gilbert

Unit Number: 92

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in ghost towns and mining history, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	L	Not much left of the site
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Big Smoky Valley, Cedar Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A small ghost town in the Monte Cristo Range

Narrative:

Gilbert is a ghost town settled in a scenic corridor in the Monte Cristo Range.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Monte Cristo Range

Unit Number: 93

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, history buffs, minor mining

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People seeking dispersed recreation such as hiking, camping; people interested in mining history
Amount of Use	M	Easy access from Highways 6 and 95
Public Interest	M	Range is scenic and has notable features
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Big Smoky Valley, Fish Lake Valley, Columbus Salt Marsh
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Devil's Gate, impressive badlands topography
Overall Rating	M	Range with scenic views and interesting geologic features

Narrative:

This range has many scenic views and geologic features that are interesting, especially Devil's Gate and Castle Peak.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Columbus Salt Marsh

Unit Number: 94

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Geologic sightseeing, history

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Very visible from adjacent highways; people interested in history of the area
Amount of Use	L	Feature is not heavily traveled
Public Interest	H	Very visible from adjacent travel corridors; unique feature
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Monte Cristo Range, Candelaria Hills, Highway 6 and 95
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Historic race track, cemetery
Overall Rating	H	Unique geologic feature that is very visible from adjacent travel corridors

Narrative:

The Columbus Salt Marsh is a distinct feature easily seen from Highway 6 and 95 which are both major travel routes. Large, flat area that is primarily dry, but does have areas of water.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Candelaria Hills

Unit Number: 95

Type of Area: Foothills

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, minor recreation

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Mining is both clustered and dispersed; not a lot of recreational use; wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Use is scattered and low
Public Interest	L	Area does not have many unique features
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Rock Hill Valley, Columbus Salt Marsh, Fish Lake Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Low, rolling hills surrounded by valleys

Narrative:

A series of low, rolling hills that surround the Columbus Salt Marsh.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: The Sump

Unit Number: 96

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, rockhounding, photography

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Primarily people who want to explore unique formations
Amount of Use	L	Mostly hidden and is not marked on maps
Public Interest	M	A unique area that people are interested in, but not well-known
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Fish Lake Valley, Volcanic Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Scenic badlands are with remnants of petrified trees

Narrative:

A mostly hidden area with unique geologic formations and the remnants of a grove of petrified trees.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Emigrant Canyon

Unit Number: 97

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Dispersed recreation, sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking remote hiking and camping opportunities, scenic views, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	One of few routes over Silver Peak Range
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Fish Lake Valley, Big Smoky Valley, Silver Peak Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Area of unique geologic feature or landform; overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A scenic route in the Silver Peak Range

Narrative:

A scenic area with petrified wood. A road passes over the Silver Peak Range from Big Smoky Valley to Fish Creek Valley.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Fish Lake Valley

Unit Number: 98

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Residents, minor recreation

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	M	Mostly people that live in the valley or are accessing adjacent land, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Valley has more residents than most valleys in the area
Public Interest	H	Valley is a population center for this area of the District Office
Adjacent Land Uses	H	National Forest, private, Silver Peak Range, scenic badlands terrain
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Populated valley in the western area of the District Office

Narrative:

This valley has scenic views of the Silver Peak Range and National Forest. The area has historic borax works and a fairly large residential area.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Silver Peak Range WSA

Unit Number: 99

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Day hiking, backpacking

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	A diversity of high-quality recreation opportunities, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Icehouse Canyon is a popular destination
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Part of Silver Peak Range
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Large herds of desert bighorn sheep and wild horses; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Interesting area of volcanic activity; quality recreation opportunities

Narrative:

Located in the northwest corner of the Silver Peak Range; features a flat-topped ridge with rugged canyons and ridges radiating from the summit. Excellent examples of volcanic activity, obsidian pebbles, petrified wood are common in Icehouse Canyon Wash.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Silver Peak Range

Unit Number: 100

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, dispersed mining

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Some mining, but dispersed; numerous recreation opportunities such as hiking and camping, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Large area with diversity of uses
Public Interest	H	Striking range is a landmark
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Fish Lake Valley, Big Smoky Valley, Clayton Valley, Silver Peak Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Notable presence from surrounding valleys; scenic values; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A large range with a striking presence and scenic values

Narrative:

A very large range with a striking presence and diversity of areas anchoring the southwestern portion of the District Office. This range has many scenic areas including Magruder Mountain and the view from Lida Summit.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Dancing Man

Unit Number: 101

Type of Area: Cultural

Predominant Types of Users: People interested in cultural resources

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in seeking out and viewing petroglyphs
Amount of Use	L	Small site in a more remote area
Public Interest	H	Preserving cultural resources
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Silver Peak Range, Clayton Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Area with petroglyphs in the Clayton Valley

Narrative:

An area with petroglyphs in the Clayton Valley.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Sheep Mountain Wash

Unit Number: 102

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Dispersed recreation

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People seeking remote hiking and camping opportunities
Amount of Use	M	Use is likely seasonal
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Clayton Valley, Cane Man Hill, Pinyon Joshua Instant Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	A scenic area of the Silver Peak Range

Narrative:

A scenic part of the Silver Peak Range as it comes down to the Clayton Valley.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Cane Man Hill

Unit Number: 103

Type of Area: Cultural

Predominant Types of Users: People interested in cultural resources

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in seeking out and viewing petroglyphs, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	L	Site is not obvious but has access around it
Public Interest	H	Preserving cultural resources
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Silver Peak Range, Clayton Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Petroglyph district outside of Clayton Valley in the Silver Peak Range foothills

Narrative:

An area with rock art at the edge of the Clayton Valley near the sand dunes.

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Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Clayton Valley Sand Dunes

Unit Number: 104

Type of Area: Geologic interest, minor recreation

Predominant Types of Users: Recreationists, geology buffs

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	Mostly locals, people traveling by, people drawn to dunes
Amount of Use	L	Small area, low level of use
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Clayton Valley, Silver Peak Range, Clayton Ridge
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	H	High geologic interest
Overall Rating	H	Small but interesting dune system

Narrative:

A small, interesting dune system easily visible in the Clayton Valley near the town of Silver Peak. The dunes are a Special Recreation Management Area.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/9/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Clayton Valley

Unit Number: 105

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Locals, mining

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	People working at lithium mine, local use, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Lithium mine is a large feature that is accessed daily
Public Interest	L	Valley has already been impacted
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Silver Peak, Clayton Ridge, Clayton Sand Dunes, The Monocline and Crater
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	L	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Lithium mine is the focus of this valley

Narrative:

Clayton Valley has the only lithium-producing plant in North America. The lithium ponds are a dominant element in the valley. There is ongoing geothermal exploration in the valley.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/4/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Town of Silver Peak

Unit Number: 106

Type of Area: Population center

Predominant Types of Users: Residents, sightseeing, history buffs

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	An existing town with residents, but also people interested in mining history
Amount of Use	M	Mostly locals; easy access
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history, small population center
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Clayton Valley Monocline Crater, Silver Peak Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Interesting mining history and active community

Narrative:

One of the oldest mining areas in Nevada and the population continues to fluctuate. Interesting structures and history. Lithium extraction happens adjacent to the town.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Monocline Crater

Unit Number: 107

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: Local residents, minor recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Mostly viewed from adjacent route, but some recreation use and wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	The features are small and there are no developed sites
Public Interest	H	The features are small, but unique
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Clayton Valley, Silver Peak Range, Weepah Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	M	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Interesting geologic features rise from surrounding valley

Narrative:

A series of interesting geologic features in the Clayton Valley near Silver Peak.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Weepah Hills

Unit Number: 108

Type of Area: Foothills

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	M	People seeking dispersed hiking and camping opportunities; sightseeing of historic areas, wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	L	Not a lot of use in the area
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Lone Mountain, Big Smoky Valley, Clayton Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Interesting hills at the base of Lone Mountain

Narrative:

Lower and more rolling features than adjacent Lone Mountain. Historic mining in the area adds interest.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Weepah

Unit Number: 109

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in mining history, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	L	Little-known area
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Lone Mountain, Weepah Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Interesting site, but not as well-known or preserved as others

Narrative:

This area resulted from the gold rush of 1927 and is not well-known. It is significant because it was the first real "auto camp" where people lived and slept in their vehicles.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Lone Mountain

Unit Number: 110

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation; hiking, camping, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access from Tonopah
Public Interest	H	Distinct feature near Tonopah
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Big Smoky Valley, Weepah Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Striking feature near Tonopah

Narrative:

Lone Mountain is a distinct feature at the southern end of the Big Smoky Valley surrounded by the lower Weepah Hills. A prominent feature along the Highway 95 corridor west of Tonopah.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/9/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Yellow Hills

Unit Number: 111

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation opportunities; hiking, camping
Amount of Use	L	No developed sites
Public Interest	M	Moderate public interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Clayton Valley, Montezuma Range, Palmetto Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Area has high scenic quality

Narrative:

A scenic part of Clayton Ridge near the town of Silver Peak that has interesting geologic features.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Montezuma Range and Clayton Ridge

Unit Number: 112

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, history buffs, wildlife viewing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in wildlife, wild horse and burro viewing; mining history, and dispersed recreation
Amount of Use	L	Not as much of a draw as other areas
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Clayton Valley, Big Smoky Valley, Lida Valley, Yellow Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Scenic views and historic mining

Narrative:

This area has scenic views and old mining sites to explore. Surrounded by the Clayton, Lida, and Big Smoky Valleys. Burros are in the area offering wildlife viewing.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Goldfield

Unit Number: 113

Type of Area: Historic town, community

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, history buffs, residents

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People interested in mining history, residents, people passing through
Amount of Use	H	Travelers on Highway 95 corridor; easy access
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history; buildings are in good repair for their age
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Goldfield Hills, Big Smoky Valley; Nellis Air Force Range is nearby
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Historic town with many original buildings in good shape

Narrative:

Many original buildings are in good repair. The town has a rich history including gold mining and the Earp brothers.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Goldfield Joshua Tree Forest

Unit Number: 114

Type of Area: Joshua tree forest

Predominant Types of Users: Minor recreation, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	L	Not in an area with recreation use, but seen by travelers, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Mostly viewed by people on Highway 95, which is heavily traveled
Public Interest	M	Moderate public interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Town of Goldfield, Lida Valley, Nellis Air Force Base
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Prime example of a Joshua tree forest

Narrative:

This area is a prime example of a Joshua tree forest and is the northernmost extent of their range.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Stonewall Mountain

Unit Number: 115

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Some hiking, although difficult terrain; scenic area with wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Difficult terrain
Public Interest	L	Majority of feature is not accessible
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Base, Lida Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Small area with interesting resources and good views

Narrative:

The actual peak is inaccessible because it is on the Nellis Air Force Range. A scenic area with wildlife, cultural, and hydrological interest.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Lida Valley

Unit Number: 116

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Local, access to other areas

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Mostly local access or passing through to adjacent areas; wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	L	Highway 266 provides access through the area and is moderately traveled
Public Interest	L	Area does not attract a lot of interest
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Slate Ridge, Mount Jackson Ridge, Silver Peak Range, Montezuma Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Enclosed valley with primarily local use

Narrative:

This valley is small and has a feeling of being enclosed. People pass through this valley to access adjacent areas.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Mount Jackson Ridge

Unit Number: 117

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation opportunities such as hiking and camping
Amount of Use	M	Not a lot of use, but very visible
Public Interest	M	Feature is a landmark
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Lida Valley, Goldfield Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Distinct ridge with prominent feature

Narrative:

Distinct ridge with prominent feature of Mt. Jackson on the west end. Surrounded by the Lida Valley, the feature is a scenic landmark.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Cucomongo Canyon

Unit Number: 118

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, sightseeing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking dispersed recreation, scenery, and access to Death Valley; wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	M	Road provides access to park and wilderness areas
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Big Molly, Pigeon Spring Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A very scenic and rugged canyon with access into Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

A rugged, scenic canyon that extends into Death Valley National Park. There are also great views to the park from the BLM side.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Pigeon Spring WSA

Unit Number: 119

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, dispersed recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Unit offers opportunities for sightseeing and photography of viewsheds
Amount of Use	M	Close proximity to extensive mining activity
Public Interest	H	Has high potential for metallic minerals
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Contiguous to California Desert Conservation Area
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Small area with moderate recreation potential

Narrative:

Contains a central feature that is 1.5 miles of steep-walled canyon. Overall the unit is generally in a natural state, but lacks overall wilderness characteristics.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Big Molly

Unit Number: 120

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation; hiking, photography, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People go to this area for its scenic overlook into Death Valley National Park
Amount of Use	M	Overlook is known for its scenic qualities, but does not get high use
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving views
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Pigeon Spring Wilderness Study Area, Death Valley National Park, Silver Peak Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Scenic overlook into Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

Big Molly provides a scenic overlook into Death Valley National Park.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Slate Ridge and Sylvania Mountains

Unit Number: 121

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, dispersed recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Scattered mining and some hiking, camping, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Adjacent areas draw more users
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Queer Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Lida Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Smaller features adjacent to more notable areas

Narrative:

Smaller mountains adjacent to more distinct and notable areas. The area has a history of mining activity.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Gold Point

Unit Number: 122

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs, residents

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in the history of mining in the area; a few residents
Amount of Use	M	Several events throughout the year; easy access
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Slate Ridge, Lida Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	H	Old mining town that promotes its history and has intact structures

Narrative:

The area was first settled by ranchers and a few miners during the 1880s and mining continued off and on until the 1960s. Many buildings are still standing and the town has several events during the year.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Tokop

Unit Number: 123

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in ghost towns and mining history, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	L	Not easily accessible
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Slate Ridge, Gold Mountain
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Scenic viewshed; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A scenic, historic mining area with views of Sarcobatus Flat

Narrative:

Tokop is a scenic area with historic mining. It was never really a town site, but fallen ruins of wooden shacks can be found. The viewshed from this area is scenic.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Queer Mountain WSA

Unit Number: 124

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Nature study, wildlife viewing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking solitude, wild horse viewers; harsh conditions provide a challenging backcountry experience
Amount of Use	L	Harsh environment limits recreation possibilities
Public Interest	M	Moderate public interest
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Grapevine Mountains Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Area of pristine condition adjacent to Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

The area represents an ecotone between the hot desert to the south and cold desert to the north. Most of the area is in pristine condition and is adjacent to Death Valley National Park.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/8/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: NV 267

Unit Number: 125

Type of Area: Travel route

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People entering Death Valley National Park for sightseeing, camping, hiking, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access to park, but not a major route
Public Interest	H	Route takes travelers to Scotty's Castle in Death Valley National Park
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Grapevine Mountains Wilderness Study Area, Queer Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Sarcobatus Flat
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	A scenic route that provides access to Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

A scenic road that passes through Sarcobatus Flat and between two scenic Wilderness Study Areas. This route provides easy access to Death Valley National Park, although it is not a main entrance.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Grapevine Mountains WSA

Unit Number: 126

Type of Area: Wilderness Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hiking, camping, backpacking, photography

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

Type of Users	H	People seeking solitude and primitive recreation opportunities
Amount of Use	L	Difficult terrain, harsh climate conditions, lack of water
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Queer Mountain Wilderness Study Area
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Wilderness Study Area
Other Factors	H	Can view all of Death Valley from one single vantage point
Overall Rating	H	Ruggedness, excellent scenic quality, and relationship to Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

The mountainous section of the Wilderness Study Area is in nearly pristine condition and provides spectacular views of Death Valley. The southwestern boundary is in Death Valley National Park.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Sarcobatus Flat

Unit Number: 127

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Local use, minor ranching, travelers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Local use, travelers on Highway 95
Amount of Use	M	Not much use in the unit, although viewed by many people on Highway 95
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Nellis Air Force Base, Bullfrog Hills, Death Valley National Park, Wilderness Study Areas
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Large, flat valley and playa in the southern portion of the District Office

Narrative:

Large valley with a playa and other low, sandy, exposed areas. Vast area.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Death Valley National Park

Unit Number: 128

Type of Area: National Park

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, history

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People seeking diverse recreation opportunities, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	H	Well-known, easily accessible, visitor support facilities
Public Interest	H	Diverse geologic features, desert wildlife, historic sites, scenery, and clear night skies
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Queer Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Grapevine Mountains Wilderness Study Area, Slate Ridge, Bullfrog Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	H	National Park
Other Factors	H	Hottest and driest part of the National Parks in the United States; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Adjacent National Park with more than 770,000 visitors per year

Narrative:

Part of the western edge of the District Office is adjacent to Death Valley. There are several routes through BLM land that enter into the park, notably the entrance that takes visitors to Scotty's Castle.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Bullfrog Hills

Unit Number: 129

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Heavy mining presence; some opportunity for hiking and camping, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Active mining
Public Interest	M	Backdrop to Beatty, visible from Highway 95
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Sarcobatus Flat, Oasis Valley, Beatty, Rhyolite
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Sober-Up Gulch Petroglyphs; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Active mining, but also scenic backdrop to Beatty

Narrative:

The Bullfrog Hills surround the west and north part of Beatty and are visible on both sides of Highway 95. Area includes Sober-Up Gulch Petroglyph Site.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Rhyolite

Unit Number: 130

Type of Area: Old mining town

Predominant Types of Users: Sightseeing, history buffs

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People interested in ghost towns and mining history, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Just west of Beatty with easy access
Public Interest	H	Interest in preserving mining history of the area
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Bullfrog Hills, Beatty, Amargosa Desert
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Special Recreation Management Area
Other Factors	H	Easy access off Highway 374, which enters Death Valley National Monument; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Well-known ghost town with easy access

Narrative:

Once had a population of over 10,000 and is one of the largest ghost towns in Nevada. Well-known for views overlooking Amargosa Valley Desert and gateway to Death Valley National Park. Popular area for filmmaking.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Fluorspar Canyon

Unit Number: 131

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation, mining, sightseeing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	Historic mining use, sightseeing, dispersed recreation opportunities, wild horse viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access from Beatty
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Town of Beatty, Crater Flat, Bare Mountain
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	H	Very scenic canyon in a diverse area; unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Scenic canyon outside of Beatty

Narrative:

An easily accessible canyon from Beatty. The canyon is very scenic and there are opportunities for wildlife viewing, including bighorn sheep, at Specie Spring.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Beatty

Unit Number: 132

Type of Area: Community

Predominant Types of Users: Residents, travelers, mining, history buffs

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People who live/work in the community, travelers on Highway 95 and to Death Valley National Park, wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	M	The area receives a fair amount of use and is on a major travel corridor
Public Interest	M	Viewshed already impacted by mining activity
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Death Valley National Park is nearby; Bare Mountain, Amargosa Desert
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Town serves as gateway to Death Valley National Park

Narrative:

Historic mining community near the boundary of Death Valley National Park, ghost town of Rhyolite. Was an important supply point for the mining towns of Bullfrog and Rhyolite. Now serves as a starting point for people entering Death Valley National Park.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Oasis Valley

Unit Number: 133

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Local residents, wildlife viewing

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Private ranches and residents, public areas along river popular for birding; wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access off of Highway 95
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Range, Bullfrog Hills, Sarcobatus Flat, Beatty, Yucca Mountain
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Water sources make this area more lush than surrounding areas

Narrative:

Several springs and water sources provide a diverse habitat of cottonwood, willow marshes, grasslands, and desert scrub. This area attracts many birds and is popular for birding and wildlife viewing.

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District Office: Battle Mountain

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Timber Mountain Caldera

Unit Number: 134

Type of Area: Area of geologic interest

Predominant Types of Users: People interested in geology, sightseeing

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	People curious about unique geologic feature, wild horse and burro viewers
Amount of Use	L	Mostly on restricted land
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Nellis Air Force Range, Oasis Valley, Yucca Mountains
Special Area Sensitivity	H	National Natural Landmark
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	H	Remnants of an elliptical caldera that is mostly on Nellis Air Force Range

Narrative:

Mostly in Nellis Air Force Range, a volcanic feature that is a designated National Natural Landmark. Contains the remnant of an elliptical caldera.

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Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Bare Mountain

Unit Number: 135

Type of Area: Mountain range

Predominant Types of Users: Mining, recreation, sightseeing

H/M/L

Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	H	The area has dispersed mining, some historic, some recreation and scenic areas, wild horse and burro viewing
Amount of Use	M	Easy access from Beatty
Public Interest	M	Backdrop to Beatty
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Crater Flat, Beatty
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps with Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	M	Scenic and distinct feature is a backdrop to Beatty

Narrative:

A distinct mountain on the east side of Beatty. The mountain is seen from Highway 95 and is a landmark feature with very scenic areas. Bare Mountain has two communications sites overlooking Fluorspar Canyon.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Amargosa Desert

Unit Number: 136

Type of Area: Valley

Predominant Types of Users: Travelers, local use

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	L	Local access of people passing through, wild horse viewers
Amount of Use	L	Mostly people passing through on Highway 95 and 374
Public Interest	L	Not much interest form the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	H	Death Valley National Park, Nellis Air Force Range, Bare Mountain, Bullfrog Hills
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Unit overlaps Herd Management Area
Overall Rating	L	Area does not receive much use in this part of the District Office

Narrative:

The Amargosa Desert starts in the far southwestern corner of the District Office and includes the Crater Flat area. Views from Rhyolite for filming purposes in major motion pictures, commercials, and amateur filming.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Midway

Unit Number: 137

Type of Area: Cultural and geologic

Predominant Types of Users: Recreation

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People interested in cultural and geologic resources
Amount of Use	L	Not much use at the site
Public Interest	M	Moderate interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	San Antonio Mountains, Ralston Valley
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Cultural site in San Antonio Mountains

Narrative:

A small area with dunes and archaeological sites in the San Antonio Mountains.

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Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Pinyon Joshua ISA

Unit Number: 138

Type of Area: Instant Study Area

Predominant Types of Users: Hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding, mining

H/M/L Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Area supports mining activity and some opportunity for recreation
Amount of Use	M	Moderate use; access to mining
Public Interest	M	Some interest from the general public
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Silver Peak Range
Special Area Sensitivity	M	Instant Study Area
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Area of interesting vegetation transition

Narrative:

This area was designated in 1965 as a Natural Area because it represented the northern extreme of the Joshua tree. It includes the Pinyon Joshua Transition Research Natural Area.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/1/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Smith Creek Valley Playa

Unit Number: 139

Type of Area: Dry lake

Predominant Types of Users: Land-sailing recreationists, Pony Express history buffs

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Land-sailing, sightseeing, hunting, hot springs use
Amount of Use	M	Moderate; easily accessible
Public Interest	M	Large dry lakebed is notably white
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ranching, Shoshone Range, National Forest, Pony Express Trail
Special Area Sensitivity	H	Pony Express National Historic Trail is nearby
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive

Narrative:

Large dry lakebed located within the Smith Creek Valley. Pony Express Trail passes nearby.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 2/28/2011

Evaluators: CBrandt

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Spencer Hot Spring

Unit Number: 140

Type of Area: Recreation site

Predominant Types of Users: Recreationists, wild burro viewers

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	Camping, recreation, hot springs users, wild burro viewing
Amount of Use	H	Frequently used
Public Interest	M	Relatively close to travel corridors
Adjacent Land Uses	L	Ranching, National Forest
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	NA	Not applicable
Overall Rating	M	Moderately sensitive recreation site

Narrative:

Developed recreation site with numerous hot springs and camping sites. Slightly elevated foothills terrain offers views of Big Smoky Valley and distant mountains.

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SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

District Office: Battle Mountain

Date: 3/7/2011

Evaluators: KSchwarzler

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit: Tonopah Army Airfield

Unit Number: 141

Type of Area: Historic buildings

Predominant Types of Users: History buffs, local use

	H/M/L	Explanation of Rating (Mandatory)
Type of Users	M	People interested in history of site; people using municipal airport
Amount of Use	M	Moderate amount of use
Public Interest	M	Interest in what remains of World War II training base
Adjacent Land Uses	M	Ralston Valley, San Antonio Mountains; near Nellis Air Force Range
Special Area Sensitivity	NA	Not present
Other Factors	M	On private land but surrounded by BLM
Overall Rating	M	Old World War II training base; surrounded by BLM land

Narrative:

This airfield was built by the Army in the early 1940s and has since been deactivated and turned over to the town of Tonopah. The remains of some airfields and hangars are visible from Highway 6. The complex is on private land but surrounded by BLM.

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