

Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: NV-SN-52-013/Black Ridge

FORM 1

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD:

1. Is there existing BLM initial wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No (Go to Question 2)

Yes (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source:

Initial Inventory Decisions – Public Lands Administered by BLM Nevada – Wilderness (Sept. 1979)

Wilderness Inventory Situation Evaluation

b) Inventory Unit Number(s)/Name(s):

NV-050-0220/Black Ridge

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):

Nevada BLM Initial Wilderness Inventory Decisions (September 30, 1979)

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):

Las Vegas District

e) BLM Initial Inventory Findings on Record:

If more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit:

Unit Number/Name	Size (Initial Acres)	Natural Condition? (Y/N)
NV-050-0220/Black Ridge	18,318	Y

Summary of any known primary reasons for prior findings from the table above:

This unit is currently undergoing an accelerated intensive inventory due to a special project. The results of that intensive inventory will be announced separately through a Wilderness Bulletin. The area appears to be in an essentially natural condition.

2. Is there existing BLM intensive wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No (Go to Form 2)

Yes (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source:

Overthrust Belt Special Wilderness Inventory

Wilderness Inventory Wilderness Summary Sheet

Wilderness Intensive Inventory

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):

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c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):

Nevada BLM Wilderness Study Recommendations Based On Intensive Inventory (April 1, 1980)

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):

Las Vegas District

e) BLM Intensive Inventory Findings on Record:

If more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit:

Unit#/Name	Size (Final Acres)	Naturalness? (Y/N)	Outstanding Solitude? (Y/N)	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? (Y/N)	Supplemental Values? (Y/N)
NV-050-0220/ Black Ridge	18,318	Y	N	N	N

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FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS:

Unit Number/Name: NV-SN-52-013/Black Ridge

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes No

Description:

This triangular shaped single unit totals approximately 14,430 acres and is located northeast of the Overton Arm in the Gold Butte region. The northern boundary follows an RS2477 road, and the southeastern boundary is the Fisherman Cove Road. The western boundary is contiguous with private land and Bureau of Reclamation lands.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No N/A

Description:

The area is predominantly natural. Impacts from old mining activity are present in Township 15 S., Range 69 E., Section 63. Several routes are located within the unit, however they are mainly located within washes, and overall have the potential to be restored to a natural condition. No other evidence of modern developments and use (e.g. mining, grazing, wildlife water developments) are located within the unit. No other evidence of human occupation or improvement was observed. The unit generally appears to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable.

(3) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes No N/A

Description:

The unit size and configuration are adequate to offer an opportunity for solitude. The vegetation is comprised of desert shrubs typical of the Mojave Desert, and includes some grasses. The vegetation is near to the ground and therefore provides minimal screening. The major topographic feature is Black Ridge, a long, narrow, and steep-sided ridge found in the southern and central portion. Few short canyons intersect this main ridge, providing some topographic screening. While only a portion of the unit offers outstanding opportunities for solitude (e.g., Black Ridge and Little Virgin Peak), the ability for visitors to find seclusion and avoid contacts with the sights and sounds of others within the canyons and drainages is likely.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes X No N/A

Description:

There are a number of primitive recreation opportunities available across the unit, including hiking, big game hunting, nature study, and sightseeing. Backpacking and horseback riding are limited due to the lack of available water; however, hiking opportunities are outstanding for a wide range of skill levels. Most of the available opportunities would be of fair to good quality; however, sightseeing of the Virgin Mountains to the east and Lake Mead to the west would be of outstanding opportunity.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes No N/A X

Description:

N/A

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: NV-SN-52-013/Black Ridge
Map Title: Wilderness Inventory Unit NV-SN-52-013/Black Ridge

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type
of recreation? Yes No N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Conclusion

Check One:

The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character (items 1, 2 and 3 are checked “yes”).

The area does not have wilderness character (any of items 1, 2 or 3 are checked “no”).

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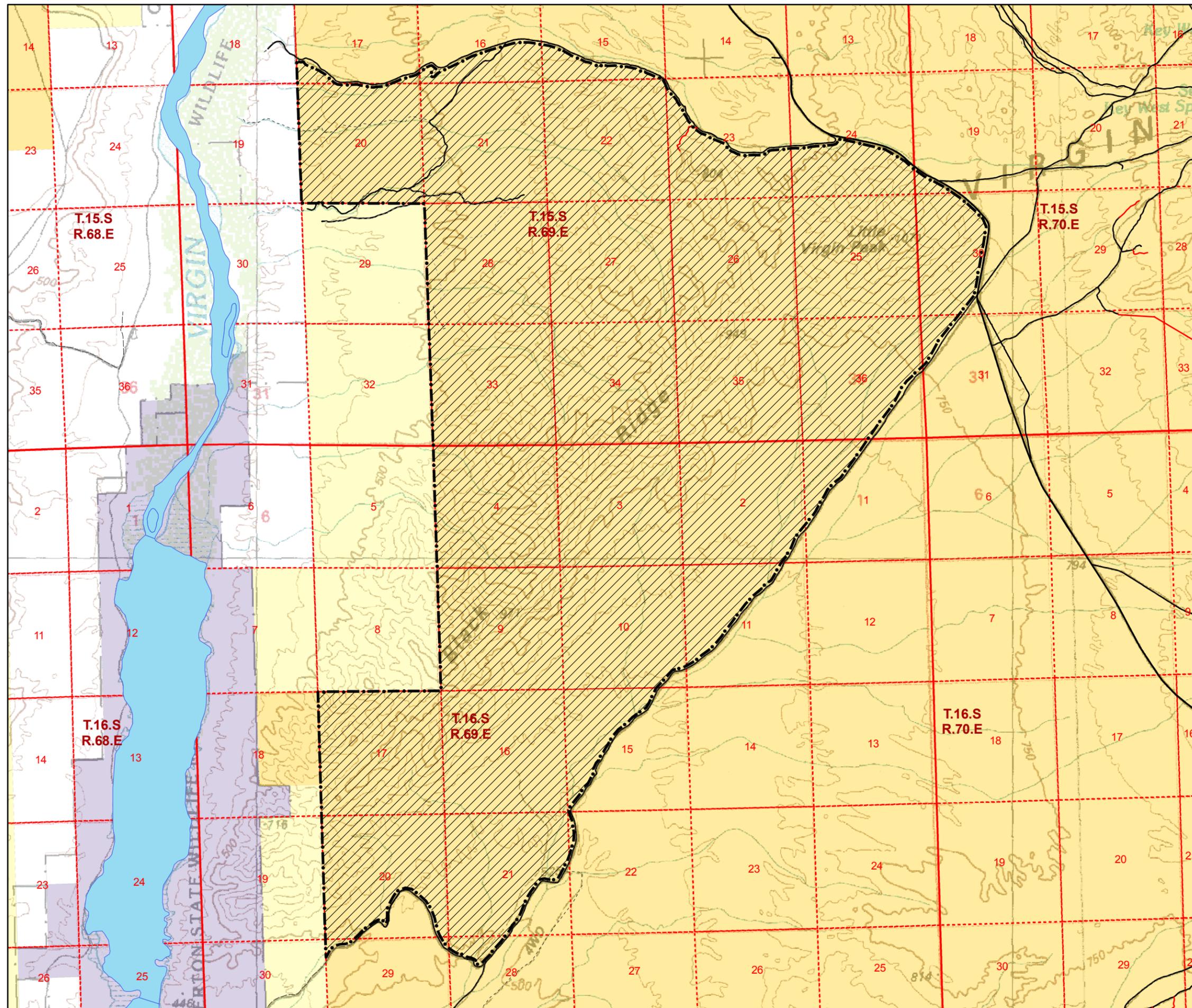


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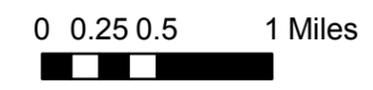
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	Wilderness Inventory Unit
	Powerline
	Railroad
Major Road	
	Interstate
	US Highway
	State Highway
	County Highway
	Ramp
	Back Country Byway
	Paved Road
	Improved Road
	Unimproved Road
	Other 4WD Road
	Trail
	Restricted Road
MSHCP Route Designated	
	OPEN
	CLOSED
	GUZZLER RD
	OTHER
	POWERLINE ROAD
	UNKNOWN
	Township Line
	Section Line
Land Status	
	Bureau of Indian Affairs
	Bureau of Land Management
	Bureau of Reclamation
	City of Las Vegas
	Clark County, Nevada
	Department of Defense
	Department of Energy
	Fish and Wildlife Service
	Forest Service
	National Park Service
	Nevada State
	Private



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