

6301-WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.

2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

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

No (Go to Form 2)

a) Inventory Source: _____

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): _____

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

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

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: _____

| Area Unique Identifier | Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres) | Naturalness? Yes/No | Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No | Supplemental Values? Yes/No |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: WYO-030-23N87W29-11 Acreage: 1,284,818

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

No

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): **The property included in this inventory includes all BLM managed lands within the Rawlins Field Office included in the Union Pacific Act of 1862 that are less than 5,000 in size and BLM managed property (less than 5,000 acres) included in the 2008 Rawlins Resource Management Plan as part of the checkerboard (See Map 1).**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities: N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

N/A

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: WYO-030-23N87W29-11

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

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

Check one:

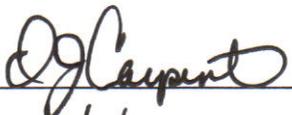
The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

Prepared by (team members):

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Brian R. Smith | Outdoor Recreation Planner | April 7 2011 |
| Bonni Bruce | Supervisory Archeologist | April 7 2011 |
| Cheryl Newberry | Range Management Specialist | April 7 2011 |

Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name:  Title: FM

Date: 4/7/11

* This form documents information that constitutes and inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

Lands With Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Boundary MAP 1



• Baggs

• Wamsutter

• Rawlins

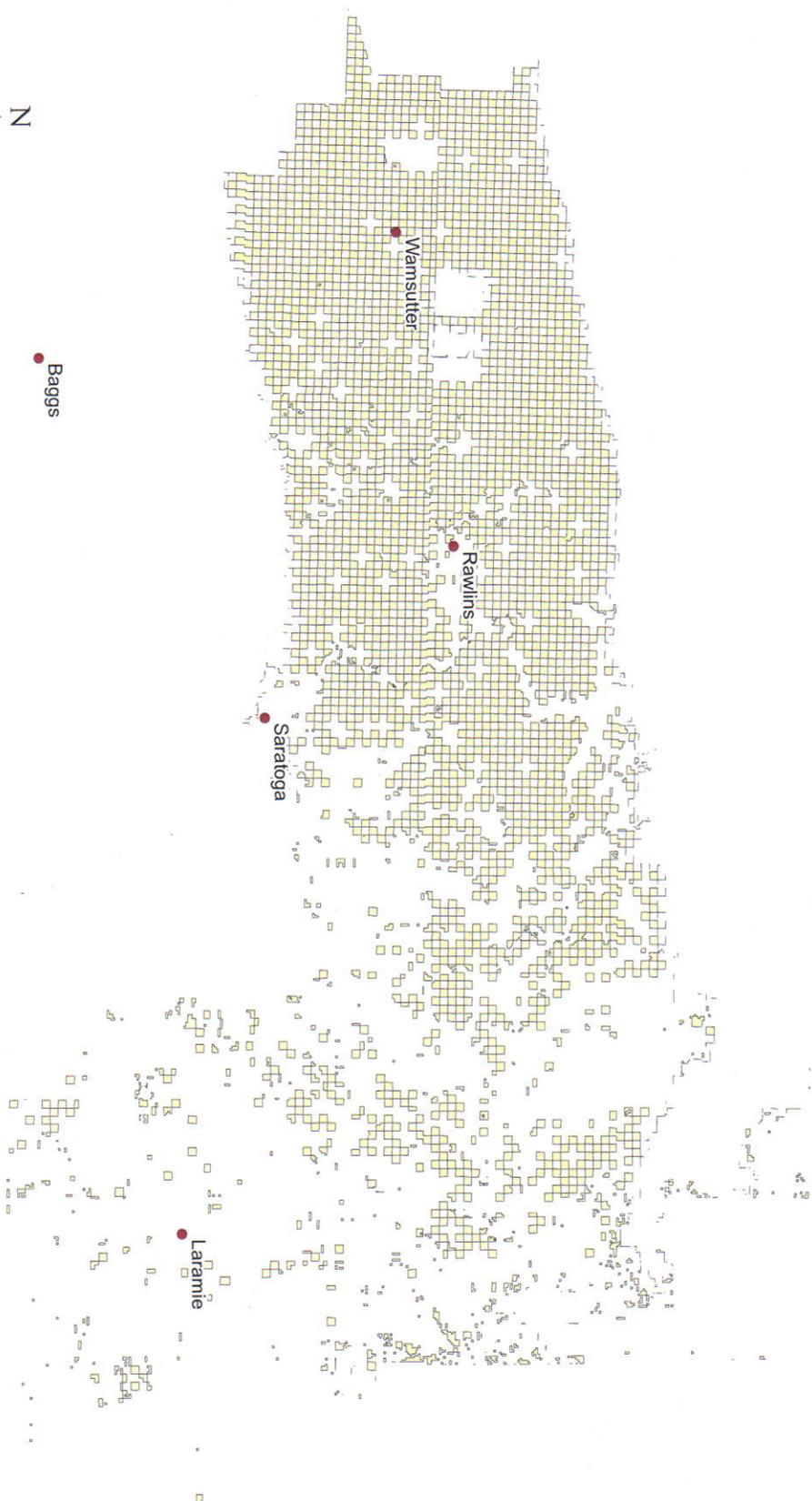
• Saratoga

• Laramie

• Cheyenne

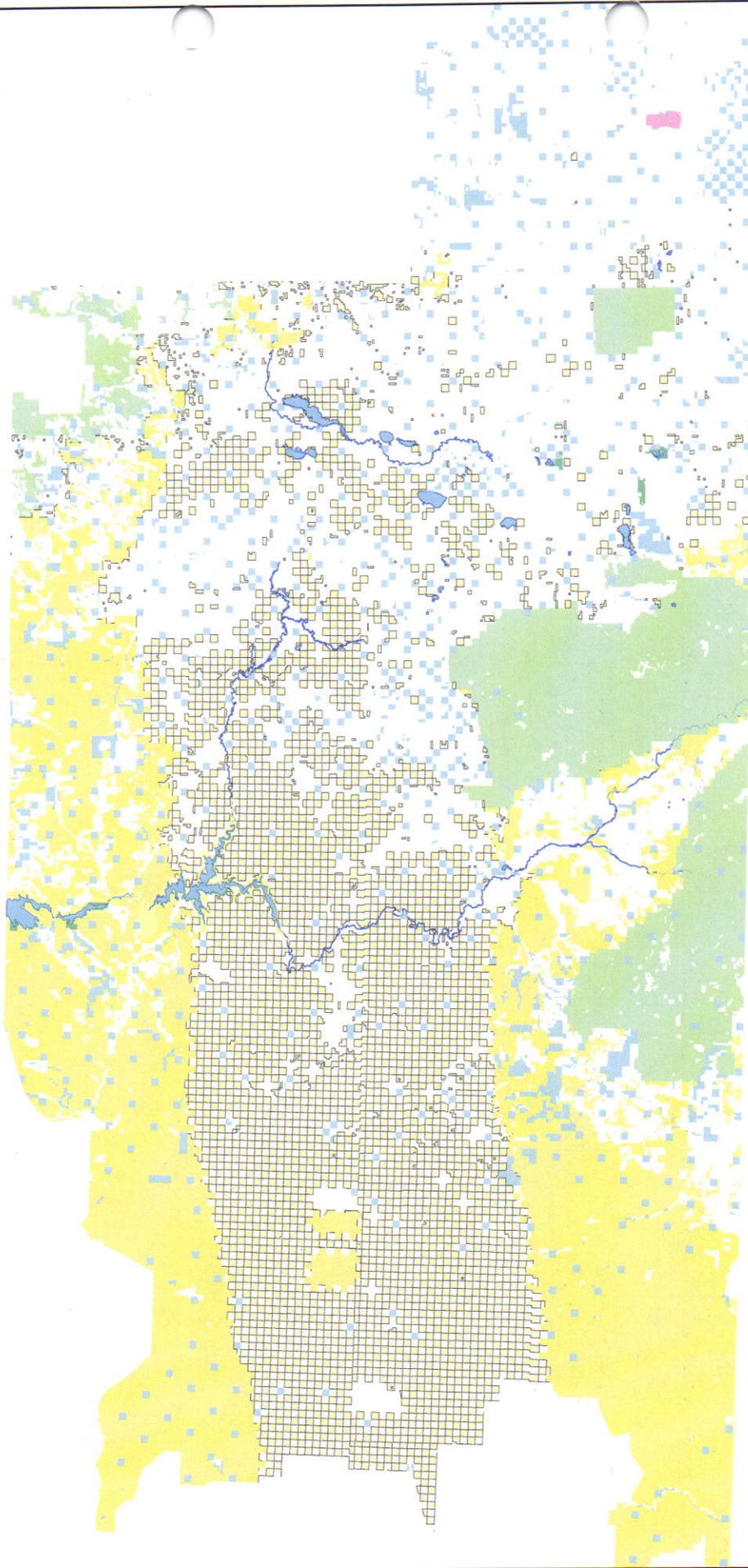
Legend

■ Checkerboard_BLM_Lands



Lands With Wilderness Characteristics Land Ownership

MAP 2



Legend

- Checkerboard_BLM_Lands
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Defense
- Fish & Wildlife
- Forest Service
- Private
- State
- Water