

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Number/Name WY-030-412-S Area E Acreage 29,962

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes X No _____

Describe the boundaries of the area (roads, property lines, etc.). If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory area is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include acreage, land ownership, location, topography, vegetation and summary of major human uses/activities)

This unit is comprised of 118,143 acres of BLM-administered public lands located in T. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 N., R.97, 98 and 99 W. The area is located in south-central Sweetwater County, Wyoming and northern Moffat County, Colorado. The area is made up of rolling hills of stabilized sand dunes, incised with a few washes. The topography becomes more like badlands in the Colorado portion of the area where it drops below the face of Kinney Rim. The major geological feature in this unit is Kinney Rim. The vegetation is primarily sagebrush, grasses, rabbit brush, and a few scattered junipers.

The major human uses in the unit include livestock grazing management, oil and gas exploration and development, and big game hunting in the fall.

Narrative: The Kinney Rim South Inventory unit was broken into three sub-units for ease of inventory and each sub-unit boundary is based on an improved road, two-track trail, or non-public land boundary. Sub-unit E is contiguous with the Adobe Town WSA on its northern tip. Small portions of Area D and Area E are within Colorado.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

Description:

The imprint of man is quite evident in much of Area E. Crowned and ditched roads protrude into Area E along with one large pipeline substation. There is a maze of old seismic lines that imposes linear scarring across much of the area. There is a high number of two-track trails within the unit which creates a visual intrusion upon the landscape. There are 17 reservoirs, 4 corrals, 1 producing well, plugged and abandoned gas wells, dump sites, wreckage from a water tower and a dwelling, an abandoned wind sock, a wild horse trap, and a log structure which make mans' presence evident.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

Area E does not possess outstanding opportunities for solitude due to man's activities and lack of topographic and vegetative screening.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

This area would be suitable for activities such as hiking, hunting, backpacking, rock hounding, photography, wild horse viewing, and primitive camping. The area is not what is generally perceived as scenic, so most recreationists, with the exception of hunters and wild horse viewers would more likely choose other areas in which to recreate. Unconfined recreational opportunities are generally not considered to be outstanding in this area.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

The Adobe Town Herd Management Area supports one of the largest wild horse herds in Wyoming.

Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: WY-030-412-S Area E

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 N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

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.

A determination of wilderness characteristics cannot be made until additional inventory can be completed.

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