

Name: **Seminole Mountains WY-030-25N84W20-2012**

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

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

No X Yes _____ (if yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the names of those areas):

a) Inventory Source:

b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s): _ _____

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

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

2. BLM Inventory Finds 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:

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Number/Name: **Seminole Mountains WY-030-25N84W20-2012** Acreage 11,916.47

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes 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 acres in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

The unit is bound on the north by private land and Seminole Road. The unit is bound on the east by private and BOR land. The unit is bound on the west by private land. The unit is bound on the south by private and state land as well as the Seminole-Belamy Transmission Line.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: The Seminole Mountains area under consideration is 11916.47 acres of BLM public land. The unit contains the following townships:

TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION
t25n	r84w	20	t26n	r85w	34
t25n	r84w	19	t26n	r85w	33
t25n	r85w	24	t26n	r85w	32
t25n	r85w	23	t26n	r85w	31
t25n	r84w	17	t26n	r84w	28
t25n	r84w	18	t26n	r84w	29
t25n	r85w	13	t26n	r84w	30
t25n	r85w	14	t26n	r85w	25
t25n	r85w	15	t26n	r85w	26
t25n	r84w	7	t26n	r85w	27
t25n	r85w	11	t26n	r85w	28
t25n	r85w	10	t26n	r85w	29
t25n	r85w	9	t26n	r85w	30
t25n	r85w	2	t26n	r85w	24
t25n	r85w	3	t26n	r85w	23
t25n	r85w	4	t26n	r85w	22
t25n	r85w	5	t26n	r85w	21
t26n	r84w	33	t26n	r85w	20
t26n	r84w	32	t26n	r85w	19
t26n	r84w	31	t26n	r85w	16

t26n	r85w	36	t26n	r85w	17
t26n	r85w	35	t26n	r85w	18

The topography consists, primarily, of drainages within and surrounding the Seminole Mountains including Little Long Creek, Long Creek, Sunday Morning Creek, Marking Pen Creek, Wood Creek, Morgan Creek, Cottonwood Creek, and other drainages. Elevation ranges from 8,084 feet on the tops of the mountains above the drainages to, approximately, 6,800 feet at the bottom of the drainages. The primary land use is recreational hunting, camping, and OHV riding. The primary, dispersed recreational activity in the area is hunting.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description: The 21.72 miles of primitive routes (i.e., unimproved roads and two-track trails) detract from the unit's naturalness. Examples of these primitive routes are demonstrated in photos 1-3 and 5-8. When hiking across the Seminole Mountains Unit, the casual observer cannot escape the constant view of primitive routes. These primitive routes create noticeable linear intrusions and disturbances that interrupt the experience of any wilderness character briefly encountered in areas untrammelled by the works of man.

The numerous range improvements, including one spring and 12.11 miles of fence, were developed, primarily, for commercial grazing operations. These improvements give the casual observer a perception that they are visitors to a cattle range rather than a wilderness untrammelled by the works of man. While the presence of cattle is compatible with a natural landscape for wilderness inventory purposes, the noticeable presence of numerous grazing-related developments in this unit is not.

In sum, the cumulative impacts on naturalness including the numerous primitive routes and permanent range improvements have impaired the naturalness in the Seminole Mountains Unit to a level that is incompatible with the definitions of wilderness provided in Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (incorporated in FLPMA 1976):

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain

ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.

(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:

(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:

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: Seminole Mountains WY-030-25N84W20-2012

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 of 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).

__X__ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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