

Name: **Station 8 WY-030-27N86W22-2012**

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: N/A _____

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

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

d) BLM District (s)/Field Office(s): __ N/A

2. BLM Inventory Finds on Record: N/A

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):

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Number/Name: **Station 8 WY-030-27N86W22-2012** Acreage 11,081.36

(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 the Rawlins Field Office Boundary. The unit is bound on the west by Carbon County Road 497 and southwest by Carbon County Road 305. The unit is bound on the east and southeast by state, private, USFWS, and BOR lands.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: The Station 8 area under consideration is 11,081.36 acres of BLM public land. The unit contains the following townships:

TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION
t28n	r85w	33	t28n	r85w	18
t28n	r85w	32	t28n	r85w	11
t28n	r85w	28	t28n	r85w	10
t28n	r85w	29	t28n	r85w	9
t28n	r85w	30	t28n	r85w	8
t28n	r85w	23	t28n	r85w	7
t28n	r85w	22	t28n	r85w	1
t28n	r85w	21	t29n	r85w	36
t28n	r85w	20	t28n	r85w	2
t28n	r85w	19	t28n	r85w	3
t28n	r85w	14	t28n	r85w	4
t28n	r85w	15	t28n	r85w	5
t28n	r85w	16	t28n	r85w	6
t28n	r85w	17			

The Station 8 area surrounds a section of state land within the central portion of the unit. The topography consists, primarily, of rolling prairie, buttes, ridges, hills, and other drainages created by the Station 8 run-off. Elevation ranges from 6,409 feet on the hills above the drainages to, approximately, 6,000 feet at the bottom of the drainages. The dominant vegetation cover is Mountain Big Sagebrush on the slopes and uplands of the unit and wet meadow cover along

creeks and draws. The primary land use is livestock grazing. The primary, dispersed recreational activity in the area is hunting.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Description: The 31.51 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, 5-8, and 11-12. When hiking across the Station 8 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.

Evidence of power lines which partially enter the unit and discontinue are demonstrated in Photo 2 and located in Township 28, Range 85, Section 8.

The numerous range improvements, including 16.54 miles of fence and 4 water wells (which include solar panels, pumps, and a pipeline), 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, power lines, and permanent range improvements have impaired the naturalness in the Station 8 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: Station 8 WY-030-27N86W22-2012

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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