

Wilderness Review Checklist for Oil and Gas Lease Parcels

Sec. 603 (43 USC 1782). The Wilderness Act states:

“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.”

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Lease Parcel	More than 5000 of roadless land (yes/no)	Imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable (yes/no)	Outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation (yes/no)	Contains natural features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value (yes/no)	In Citizen Proposed Wilderness Area (yes/no. If yes but dropped during RMP process, state why)
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001	No				No
003	Yes	No			No
004	Yes	No			No
005	Yes	No			No
006	Yes	No			No
007	Yes	No			No
008	Yes	No			No
009	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
010 (West Portion)	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for

					protection of wilderness character.
010 (East Portion)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
011 (Southwest Portion)	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
011 (Northeast Portion)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
012	No				No
013	Yes	No			No
014	Yes	No			No
015	Yes	No			No
016	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM

					found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
017	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
018	No				No
019	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness

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023 (West Portion)	Yes	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for

					wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
024	No	No			Yes, because BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.
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018	No				No
029	See NOTE:				
030	Yes	No			No
031	See NOTE:				
032	See NOTE:				
033	See NOTE:				
034	No				No
035	No				No
037	No				No
040	No				No
038	No	No	No	No	No
043	No	No	No	No	No
041	No				No

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2 Examples of manmade features that may be considered substantially unnoticeable in certain cases are: trails, trail signs, bridges, fire towers, fire breaks, fire presuppression facilities, pit toilets, fisheries enhancement facilities, fire rings, hitching posts, snow gauges, water quantity and quality measuring devices, research monitoring markers and devices, radio repeater sites, air quality monitoring devices, fencing, spring developments, overgrown and barely visible two-track ways, and small reservoirs.

NOTES:

Parcel WY-1311-029 falls within three LWC areas; WY040-2011-077 Alkali Well meets size, fails naturalness; WY040-2011-083 Luman Rim fails size; WY040-2011-086 Buffalo Hump Basin fails size.

Parcel WY-1311-031 falls within two LWC areas; WY040-2011-077 Alkali Well meets size, fails naturalness; WY040-2011-078 Alkali Basin meets size, fails naturalness.

Parcel WY-1311-032 falls within three LWC areas; WY040-2011-077 Alkali Well meets size, fails naturalness; WY040-2011-078 Alkali Basin meets size, fails naturalness; WY040-2011-086 Buffalo Hump Basin fails size.

Parcel WY-1311-033 falls within two LWC areas; WY040-2011-077 Alkali Well meets size, fails naturalness; WY040-2011-078 Alkali Basin meets size, fails naturalness.