

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)
WYW-1405					
001	No, Private Surface				
002	No, Private Surface				
003	No, Private Surface				
004	No, Private Surface				
005	No, Private Surface				
007	No				
008	No				
009	No				
010	No				
011	No				
012	No				
013	No				
014	No				
015	No				
016	No				
017	No				

018	No				
019	No				
020 North	Yes	No			
020 South	No				
025	No				
028	No				
030	No				
031	No				
032	No				
033	No				
034	No				
035	No				
036	No				
037	No				
038 Southwest	Yes	No			
038 North and West	No				
039 Northwest	No				
039 Southeast	Yes	No			
040 North	No				
040 South	Yes	No			
041 North	Yes	No			
041 South	No				
042 North	Yes	No			
042 South	No				
043	No				
044 North	No				

044 South	Yes	No			
045	No				
046	No				
047	No				
048	Yes	No			
049	Yes	No			
050 North	Yes	No			
050 South	No				
053	No				
054	Yes	No			
044	No				
051	No				
052	No				
055	No				
057	No				
059	No				
060	No				
061	No				
062	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: