

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.”

“The word ‘roadless’ refers to the absence of roads which have been improved and maintained by mechanical means to ensure relatively regular and continuous use. A ‘way’ maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.”

Parcel No.	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)
WY-1408-040	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-041	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-042	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-044	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-046	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-047	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-048	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-049	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-050	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-051	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-052	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-053	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-054	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-055	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-059	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-060	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-061	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-062	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

WY-1408-063	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-064	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-065	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-066	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-067	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-068	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-069	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-070	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-071	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-072	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WY-1408-074	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please note that all August 2014 lease parcels fail to meet the size criteria, thus naturalness and outstanding opportunities are not discussed. Additionally, the BFO completed inventories for lands with wilderness characteristics as part of the land use planning process for the Buffalo RMP Revision. Only one parcel meets the criteria. This parcel includes 12,237 acres along the Face of the Bighorns.