

## 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.”*

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-1511-001	No				No
002	No				No
003	No				No
004	No				No
005	No				No
006	No				No
008	Yes	No			No
009 Northwest Corner	No	No			No
009 Remaining Portion	Yes	No			No
010 West Portion	Yes	No			Yes. However, through development of the Rawlins RMP, the BLM found the lands to be unmanageable for wilderness character because of preexisting oil and gas leases. As such, the BLM elected to manage lands with wilderness character for multiple use and not for protection of wilderness character.  See RMP ROD Page 1-3, bullet 4 and Proposed RMP/Final EIS page 2-10 & 11 “Expanded Wilderness Study Area Alternative.”
010 Remaining Portion	No				No

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<b>WYW-1511-011</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>012 North Portion</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>012 South Portion</b>	No				No
<b>013 South Portion</b>	Yes	No			No
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<b>014 West Portion</b>	No				No
<b>014 East Portion</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>015</b>	No				No
<b>016 Southwest Corner</b>	No				No
<b>016 Remaining Portions</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>019</b>	No				No
<b>020</b>	No				No
<b>037</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>038</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>039</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>040</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>041</b>	Yes	No			No
<b>042</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>043</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>044</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>045</b>	No				No
<b>046</b>	No				No

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<b>WYW-1511-047</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>048</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>049</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>050</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>053</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>054</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
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<b>067</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>068</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>069</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>070</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>082</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>083</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>067</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>068</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>069</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>070</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>
<b>082</b>	<b>No</b>				<b>No</b>

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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: