

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS REVIEW

Date of Submission: N/A

Date(s) of Field Office Review: 02/06-07/07

Submitter: N/A

Name of Area to be Reviewed: Monticello Field Office

BLM Field Office(s) Affected: Monticello

EVALUATION

1.) Was new information submitted by a member of the public for this area?

YES _____. NO X.

2.) If new information was submitted, describe the submission. For example, did the submission include a map that identifies the specific boundaries of the area(s) in question; a narrative that describes the wilderness characteristics of the area and documents how that information differs from the information gathered and reviewed in prior BLM inventories; photographic documentation; etc?

The areas reviewed were derived from a GIS Data Layer provided by the Utah Wilderness Coalition (UWC). Additional materials such as maps, photographs, or narratives were not included.

3. As a result of interdisciplinary review of relevant information (which may include aerial photographs, state and county road information, road maintenance agreements, documentation from prior BLM inventories, field observations, maps, master title plats, evidence presented as new information by a proponent, etc.), do you conclude:

X a) the decision reached in previous BLM inventories, that the area lacks wilderness characteristics, is still valid.

(or)

_____ b) some or all of the area has wilderness characteristics as shown on the attached map.

4. Describe your findings regarding specific wilderness characteristics and provide detailed rationale.

Size:

The attached list identifies polygons that are larger than one acre, but less than 100 acres in size. Although these polygons do not meet the 5,000 acre size requirement for wilderness management, some are adjacent to a Wilderness Study Area (WSA), an area Administratively Endorsed (AE) for Wilderness Management, or lands determined to possess Wilderness Characteristics (WC). Because of these adjacencies, each unit has been analyzed for naturalness. The remaining polygons were not adjacent to a WSA, AE Area, or lands determined to possess WC, and thus were deemed to not possess wilderness characteristics. The attached list provides the name and acreage of each unit, as well as the reason/s why each unit was shown to not possess WC.

Appearance of Naturalness:

The units analyzed on the attached list were determined by the ID Team to not possess Wilderness Characteristics for the following reasons:

- *Multiple vehicle routes present within the unit*
- *Contiguous to a parcel that was determined to possess N WC in the 1999 Re-inventory*
- *Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands*
- *Road setbacks*
- *Significant Mining Disturbances*

5. Document all information considered during the interdisciplinary team review (e.g. aerial photographs, state and county road information, road maintenance agreements, documentation from prior BLM inventories, field observations, maps, master title plats, evidence presented as new information by a proponent, etc.)

*Utah Wilderness Coalition (UWC) GIS Data Layer Proposal (2005)
GIS Aerial Photography (NAIP 2006: San Juan County north and south)
BLM 1999 Utah Wilderness Inventory
BLM 1999 Utah Wilderness Inventory Revised
Utah Wilderness Report to Congress (1995)*

Attachments:

- *Complete List of Units*
- *Unit Maps*

6. List the members of the interdisciplinary team and resource specialties represented.

NAME	RESOURCE (S) REPRESENTED
Gary Torres	Planner, NEPA Coordinator
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Paul Leatherbury	GIS

Field Office Manager _____ Date _____.

This determination is part of an interim step in BLM’s internal decision-making process and does not constitute a decision that can be appealed.

NAME	ACRES	REASON	DECISION
Arch Canyon 3	26.31	Multiple Vehicle Routes	NWC
Bridger Jack Mesa 2	16.72	Contiguous NWC 1999 Re-Inventory	NWC
Bridger Jack Mesa 3	21.57	Contiguous NWC 1999 Re-Inventory	NWC
Bridger Jack Mesa 5	36.05	Contiguous to NWC	NWC
Bridger Jack Mesa 6	2.49	Contiguous NWC 1999 Re-Inventory	NWC
Butler Wash 7	49.57	Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
Dark Canyon 1	26.59	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 2	90.13	NWC 1999 Re-Inventory & Road Setback	NWC
Dark Canyon 6	13.43	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 7	22.21	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 8	10.17	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 9	10.75	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 10	21.71	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 11	62.57	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 12	35.05	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Dark Canyon 16	27.73	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Fish/Owl Creek Cyns1	92.49	Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
Fish/Owl Creek Cyns2	53.48	Multiple Vehicle Routes	NWC
Grand Gulch 13	84.74	Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Har11	11.14	Contiguous NWC 1999 Re-Inventory	NWC
Indian Creek 4	43.37	NWC 1999 Re-Inventory & Road setback	NWC
Nokai Dome 2	64.52	Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
Red Rock Plateau 2	28.31	Size and non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
San Juan River A	35.58	Size and non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC
White Canyon 5	84.32	Mining disturbance	NWC
White Canyon 6	41.09	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
White Canyon 14	58.85	NWC 1999 Re-inventory and road setback	NWC
White Canyon 15	38.33	Size and Non-contiguous to WC lands	NWC