

## 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:

N/A  a) the decision reached in previous BLM inventories that the area lacks wilderness characteristics is still valid.

(or)

N/A  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.

*The polygons shown below are larger than 100 acres, but less than 4600 acres in size. These polygons generally consist of discrepancies in the form of road setbacks between existing GIS data layers, including Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), Wilderness Inventory Areas (WIA), and the UWC proposal. After comparing the GIS data layer with WSA and WIA inventory files, it has been determined that these polygons are considered to be mapping errors resulting from the fact that the data provided by the UWC has not been vertically integrated.*

NAME	ACRES	REASON	DECISION
Butler Wash 6	135.34	Digitizing error	N/A
Grand Gulch 10	114.25	Road setback	N/A
Hatch\Lockhart/Hart 8	164.45	Road setback	N/A
Nokai Dome 1	205.89	Road setback	N/A

*The remaining polygons are areas that are contiguous to units determined not to possess wilderness characteristics during the 1999 Inventory. Because no substantial restoration has occurred since 1999, it has been determined that wilderness characteristics are still not present in these areas.*

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*
- *Regional Maps*

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

NAME	RESOURCE (S) REPRESENTED
Gary Torres	Planner, NEPA Coordinator
Brad Colin	Recreation, OHV, Wilderness
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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.