

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 area reviewed was 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.

The attached list identifies polygons that are larger than 100 acres, but less than 4600 acres in size. These polygons consist of units that do not meet the criteria for Wilderness Characteristics, i.e. size (less than 5,000 acres). They are also not contiguous to (1) Wilderness Study Areas (WSA); (2) areas that have been Administratively Endorsed (AE) Wilderness, or (3) Lands shown to possess Wilderness Characteristics. Four of the units were evaluated during the 1999 Re-Inventory and were determined to not possess naturalness, and thus wilderness characteristics. The remaining unit depicted in the attached table is considered to be a GIS mapping error.

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
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
Allen Canyon 1	2330.09	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Allen Canyon 2	306.91	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Allen Canyon 4	281.26	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Allen Canyon 5	3490.64	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Arch Canyon 2	1967.99	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Arch Canyon 5	2173.20	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Arch Canyon 6	2691.47	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Copper Point 1	819.83	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Copper Point 2	3649.49	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Dark Canyon 13	121.80	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Fish/Owl Creek Cyns3	175.86	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Gooseneck 4	241.44	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Grand Gulch 14	268.86	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart4	224.76	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart5	783.00	Size/Contiguous to NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart6	348.33	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart7	278.14	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart9	183.19	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
Hatch\Lockhart\Hart 23	204.22	Size/Contiguous to NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
Shay Mountain 1	188.29	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
White Canyon 2	214.41	Multiple Vehicle Routes	NWC
White Canyon 3	635.77	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
White Canyon 4	231.14	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
White Canyon 7	191.24	NWC 1999 Re-inventory	NWC
White Canyon 10	1254.63	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC
White Canyon 11	123.96	Size and Non-contiguous to lands with WC	NWC