

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.”

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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)
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001 North	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
001 South	Yes	No	No	No	No
002	Yes	No	No	No	No
003	Yes	No	No	No	No
004	Yes	No	No	No	No
005	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
006	Yes	No	No	No	No
007	Yes	No	No	No	No
008	Yes	No	No	No	No
012	Yes	No	No	No	No
013	Yes	No	No	No	No
014	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
015	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes, Adobe Town which has been determined through inventory to not have wilderness characteristics
016	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes, Kinney Rim South which has been determined through inventory to not have wilderness characteristics

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017	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	Yes, Kinney Rim South which has been determined through inventory to not have wilderness characteristics
018	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	Yes, Kinney Rim South and Kinney Rim North which have been determined through inventory to not have wilderness characteristics.
019	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	No
020	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	Yes, Kinney Rim North which has been determined through inventory to not have wilderness characteristics
021	yes	yes	yes	yes	No
022	yes	yes	yes	yes	No
023	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
024	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
025	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
026	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
027	No	N/A	N/A	N.A	No
028	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	No
029	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
031	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
032	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
033	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
034	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
035	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
036	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
037	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
038	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

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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.

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