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March 31, 1980

Dear Citizen:

Thank you for your past interest in the Bureau of Land Management's wilderness inventory. This letter will bring you up-to-date on our efforts on this program. For your information, a BLM wilderness review calendar is being published monthly in the Federal Register by our Washington Office. The first calendar was published on February 13, 1980. Publication of subsequent calendars is expected in the first half of each month. This calendar will summarize key current information on the Bureau's wilderness program nationwide. Copies of the Federal Register are usually available in major libraries.

In order to minimize manpower, mailing, and material costs we have included five separate items for the California State Office wilderness review program in this package. These are:

1. Errata Sheet

Attached to this letter is an errata sheet for the report titled "Final Intensive Inventory, Public Lands Administered by BLM California outside the California Desert Conservation Area - Wilderness," December 1979. The errata sheet corrects acreage computation errors in the report's summary table.

2. Land Use Planning

A brief summary of key current land use planning information is enclosed for your information. Wilderness values will be treated as appropriate in developing our land use plans.

3. Status Summary

Attached to this letter is a status summary of the above report (item 1).



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4. Nevada - California Interstate Units

The Nevada State Office is announcing their Statewide proposed intensive wilderness inventory decisions on April 1, 1980. A separate summary report for the California - Nevada interstate units is enclosed. As of press time, Nevada's public meeting schedule was not available. Information on such meetings is available from the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 300 Booth Street, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520; phone (702) 784-5651 or from the California State Office (Wilderness), Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Rm. E-2841, Sacramento, California 95825; phone (916) 484-4636. For further details please refer to the letter with the enclosed draft Nevada - California report.

5. Oregon - California Interstate Units

The Oregon State Office announced their proposed intensive wilderness inventory decisions on March 27, 1980. These interstate units are included in their report. We have reprinted them separately (enclosed) for your convenience. Publication of this draft summary report starts a 90 day public comment period on each interstate unit. This comment period runs to June 25, 1980.

A public meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 1980, at the BLM Lakeview District Office, 1000 South 9th, Lakeview, Oregon. Other public meetings will be held at locations throughout Oregon and Washington. Comments on these interstate units may be given at a public meeting or sent in writing to either the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208; phone (503) 231-6981, or the California State Office.

Draft interstate inventory reports (items 4 & 5 above)

On page 11 of the report titled "Final Intensive Inventory, Public Lands Administered by BLM California outside the California Desert Conservation Area - Wilderness," December 1979, were listed the California State Office interstate units for which a wilderness inventory decision was being deferred. These interstate inventory units are roadless areas of public land which cross BLM State Office administrative boundaries. These interstate units may or may not also cross State boundaries. Under Bureau policy a joint proposed wilderness inventory decision has been reached by the involved State Directors. Copies of these proposed decisions are enclosed. (items 4 and 5 above.)

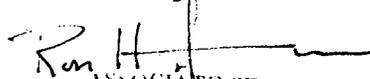
The California portion of each interstate unit was published in draft form on July 16, 1979, and was subject to a 90 day public review period. The preliminary summary of public comments is only for the California administered portion of each unit. Publication of these draft interstate inventory summaries starts a new 90 day public review and comment period with closing dates as indicated. This new comment period is provided to allow for public review and comment on the entire interstate inventory unit. During the inventory phase comments should address the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics in specific inventory units. These characteristics are (1) at least 5,000 acres or of a size to be managed as wilderness, (2) generally natural in appearance, and (3) offers outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. Comments on other resource values cannot be used during the inventory phase, but will be retained for use in the study phase.

Comments may be presented orally at a public meeting or in writing. If you do not wish to attend a public meeting, your written comments can be sent directly to the appropriate Bureau of Land Management Office. Written comments will receive equal consideration with oral comments. You are invited to comment on the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics in specific inventory units. This form of input will be more useful than broad narratives that might attempt to generalize statements to cover more than one area.

A index map to these interstate inventory units is on the back side of this page. For the location of these interstate units, in relationship to other BLM California inventory units, please refer to the maps with California's Final Intensive Inventory Report, December, 1979. Copies of this report are still available from the State Director (Wilderness), Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way Rm. E-2841, Sacramento, California 95825; phone (916) 484-4636. Copies of the draft intensive inventory report for the States of Oregon and Nevada are available from the respective State Offices.

Thank you again for your interest in our wilderness review program.

Sincerely,


ASSOCIATE STATE DIRECTOR
James B. Ruch
State Director

Enclosures:

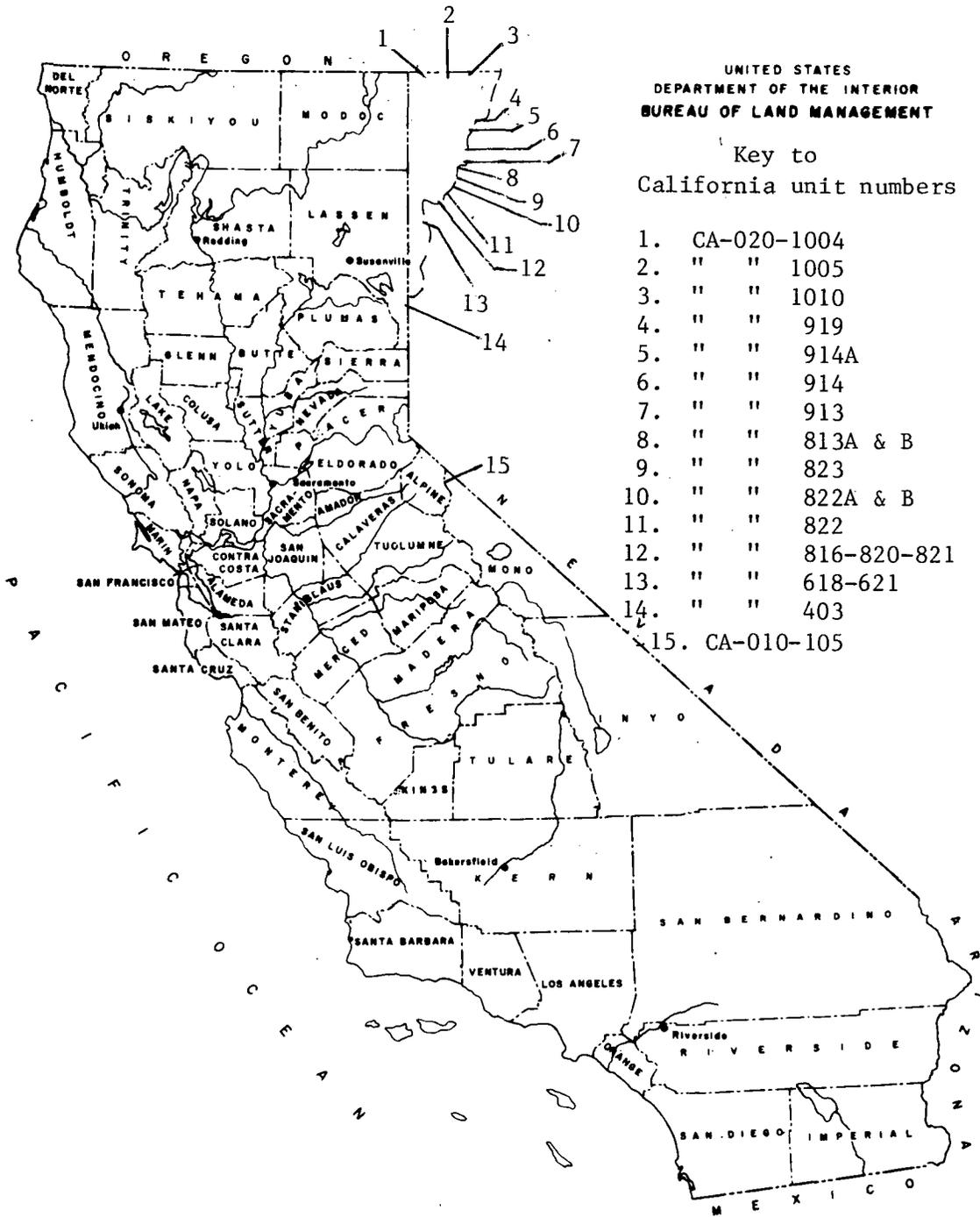
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Location Map
Interstate Inventory
Units-Wilderness

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Key to
California unit numbers

- 1. CA-020-1004
- 2. " " 1005
- 3. " " 1010
- 4. " " 919
- 5. " " 914A
- 6. " " 914
- 7. " " 913
- 8. " " 813A & B
- 9. " " 823
- 10. " " 822A & B
- 11. " " 822
- 12. " " 816-820-821
- 13. " " 618-621
- 14. " " 403
- 15. CA-010-105



Errata

Final Intensive Inventory
 Public Lands Administered by BLM California
 Outside the California Desert Conservation Area
 WILDERNESS
 December 1979.

Page 2

Item 1, line 4 - first paragraph should read:
 WSAs totalling 1,134,145 acres...

Page 2

Item 2, line 5 - should read:
 meeting WSA criteria is 2,069,298 acres in 232 units...

Page 5

Line CA-020-619 should read as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>non-WSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
619	880	39,135	7,300	47,315

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Insert after line CA-040-308 the following:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>non-WSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
309			1,500	1,500

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The totals should read as follows:

<u>CA</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>non-WSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
834,545	299,600	2,069,298	3,203,443

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Unit number CA-010-013 should be corrected to read:
 CA-010-031.

Land Use Planning Schedule

The study phase of the Bureau of Land Management's Wilderness Review Program was discussed on pages 12 and 13 of our report, "Final Intensive Inventory, Public Lands administered by BLM California Outside the California Desert Conservation Area - Wilderness," December 1979.

Wilderness values, identified through our inventory process, will be one factor in developing management plans through the Bureau's land use planning system. Each District maintains a planning mailing list and individuals interested in the land use plans for specific areas should contact the appropriate District Office. All Bureau lands are studied under our land use planning system including those found not to qualify as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's). The study of wilderness values will be included for those areas identified as WSA's or which are still under Section 603-C of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) for other reasons.

Key planning efforts are now underway, including wilderness considerations, for the following planning units:

Bakersfield District: (1) Benton Owens Valley; (2) Bodie-Colville.

Susanville District: (1) Cal-Neva; (2) Pit River

Ukiah District: Big Butte

Riverside District: Eastern San Diego County

Desert Planning Office: California Desert Conservation Area

District addresses are on page 13 of the above report. The address for the Desert Planning Office is: California Desert Plan, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 5555, Riverside, California 92517.

Status Summary
Final Intensive Inventory
Public Lands Administered by BLM California
Outside the California Desert Conservation Area
Wilderness
December 1979

The final intensive wilderness inventory decisions, for public lands administered by the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, were announced in the above report and by a Federal Register notice on January 7, 1980. A total of 3,203,000 acres in 266 inventory units were intensively inventoried. Ninety-three inventory units or parts thereof, totaling 1,134,000 acres were identified as Wilderness Study Area's (WSA's). Two hundred thirty two inventory units or parts thereof, totaling 2,069,000 acres were found not to qualify as WSA's.

The January 7, 1980, Federal Register Notice established a 30 day protest period which closed on February 5, 1980. With the exception of those inventory units on which a protest was filed, my previously announced decisions are now final. The inventory decisions are final for the following units:

Bakersfield District CA-010-

002, 007, 011, 012, 016, 017, 020, 025, 026, 030, 032, 035, 036, 037, 042, 046, 052, 070, 071, 072, 074, 077, 078, 079, 085, 090, 091A, 092, 094, 095, 096, 097, 099, 100, 102, 103, 105A, 105B, 108, and 109.

Susanville District CA-020-

002, 102A, 102B, 103, 103A, 103B, 104, 104A, 105, 202, 205, 206, 207, 207A, 208, 208A, 212A, 303A, 303B, 304, 305, 306, 308A, 309A, 310A, 310B, 311, 312A, 313B, 602, 603, 605A, 610; 612, 614A, 615, 616, 617, 617A, 619, 619A, 619D, 619E, 619F, 620, 704, 704A, 705A, 708, 802, 803, 804, 805, 805A, 806, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 818, 819, 821A, 905A, 905B, 905C, 906, 909, 909A, 911, 912, 917, 918, 1004A, 1006A, 1006B, 1009A, 1012, and 1015.

Redding District CA-030-

101, 201, 203, 204, and 503.

Folsom District CA-040-

102, 201, 301A, 301B, 303, 305A, 305B, 305C, 308, and 309.

Ukiah District CA-050-

111, 112, 113, 121, 132, 212, 221, 222, 313, 314, 315, 317, and 331.

Riverside District CA-060-

002, 020A, 020B, 020C, 020F, 020G, 021A, 021B, 022, 023, 024A, 024B, 024C, 024D, 024E, 025A, 025B, 027A, 027B, 027C, 027D, 028, and 029.

The identified WSA's in the above inventory units will continue to be subject to the interim management requirements of Section 603-C of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). The non-WSA units or parts of units are no longer under these interim management requirements.

For any unit on which a protest was filed my announced decision is stayed until the protest and administrative appeal process is completed. Protests were received on the following inventory units:

Bakersfield District CA-010-
022, 023, 027, 028, 029, 040, 045, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 062, 063,
064, 065, 068, 075, 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 088, 091B, 104, 106, and 110.

Susanville District CA-020-
003, 004, 005, 006, 102, 209, 210, 211, 212, 303, 307, 308, 309, 310, 313,
313A, 402, 604, 605, 605B, 606, 608, 609, 611, 613, 614, 619B, 619C, 703,
705, 706, 904, 905, 910, 911A, 913A, 913B, 915, 916, 1006, 1007, 1008,
1009, and 1013.

Redding District CA-030-
402, 501, and 504.

Folsom District CA-040-
202, 203, and 207.

Ukiah District CA-050-
131, 134, 135, 211, 213, 214, 312, 316, 318, 319, and 332.

Riverside District CA-060-
020D, 020E, and 026.

In summary protests have been received on a total of 93 inventory units containing 1,295,533 acres of public land. Of this 279,664 acres were identified as WSA's and 1,015,869 acres as not meeting the criteria for designation as a WSA. Protested inventory units remain under the interim management requirements of Section 603-C of FLPMA while the unit is under protest or appeal. You will be notified of the status of these protested inventory units after the protest process has been completed.

The intensive wilderness inventory decision was deferred on several units. These deferred units are only one part of a larger roadless area of public domain land. The other portion of the roadless area is administered by another Bureau of Land Management State Office. A draft joint intensive inventory decision for the entire roadless area, of which these deferred units are a part, is being announced as separate items with this mailing.

As announced in our December, 1979 report and Federal Register Notice of January 7, 1980, the following 12 initial wilderness inventory units have been formally appealed:

CA-010-031, 033, 047, 069, 087, 101,
CA-020-701, 901, 1001,
CA-030-300, 400, and 500.

As of the time of preparation of this notice, these units were still under appeal and they remain under the interim management restrictions of Section 603-C of FLPMA.

Proposed Decisions
Intensive Wilderness Inventory
Nevada - California Interstate Units
April 1980

Nevada State Office
Bureau of Land Management
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April 1, 1980

Dear Citizen:

Enclosed is a draft Intensive Wilderness Inventory summary report for Nevada - California interstate units. For the purpose of this report, an interstate unit is defined as a single roadless unit of public domain lands which crosses Bureau of Land Management, State Office administrative boundaries. These interstate units may or may not also cross state boundaries. In accordance with Bureau policy, the entire roadless area has been inventoried as a single unit and a joint proposed wilderness inventory decision has been prepared by the California and Nevada State Directors.

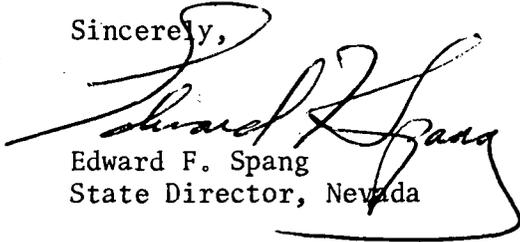
The California portion of each interstate unit was published in draft form on July 16, 1979, and was subjected to a 90 day public comment period. The preliminary summary of public comments received for the California administered portion of each unit is included in this report. Publication of this draft summary report starts a 90 day public comment period for each entire roadless area. This new comment period ends June 30, 1980. Comments may be sent to either address listed above. They should specify the unit number you are commenting on and assess the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics as identified by Congress in the Wilderness Act of 1964; namely, size, naturalness, and outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. Those areas determined to possess these characteristics will be identified as wilderness study areas and will undergo additional planning before a recommendation will be made to Congress concerning whether or not each area should be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Those areas determined to lack wilderness characteristics will be removed from further wilderness consideration.

The final decision date for this intensive wilderness inventory is scheduled to be announced September 30, 1980. Information published in this document consists of a summary of each intensive inventory report prepared for these interstate areas. The complete report for each area may be reviewed in the appropriate BLM office.

For additional information concerning location of these interstate units in relationship to other Bureau of Land Management wilderness inventory units, please refer either to maps issued with the Nevada State Office, Draft Intensive Inventory Report, April 1980, or to the California State Office, Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory Report, December 1979.

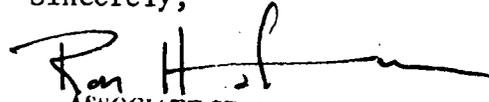
Unit CA-020-822 as modified is administered entirely by the Susanville District of the California State Office. Since this unit was originally designated as part of an interstate unit, it is included in this report to allow for additional public comment. Comments on this unit should be sent to the California State office only.

Sincerely,



Edward F. Spang
State Director, Nevada

Sincerely,



ASSOCIATE STATE DIRECTOR
James B. Ruch
State Director, California

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-001/CA-020-919

UNIT NAME: Ten Mile Spring

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in the northwestern corner of Nevada, about 13 miles northwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch-Airport.

The unit is about two miles in length and nine miles in width. A number of dead-end roads deeply cut into the unit, creating an irregularly shaped area. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: This area contains 11,470 acres of public land. 1,620 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the minimum size criterion. The remaining 9,850 acres were evaluated for wilderness characteristics.
2. Naturalness: Several small water structures, a developed spring, and a reservoir, along with a few miles of low profile fencelines are in the western half of the unit; however, they do not significantly impact the remaining area's natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for solitude are limited. The flat to low rolling sagebrush terrain characterizing the eastern half of the area would provide few opportunities for solitude. The few rocky knolls and small rock rims broken by an occasional extremely shallow intermittent drainage and widely scattered thin clumps of mountain mahogany in the western-half would provide some opportunities for solitude, but the opportunities would be limited to a few small areas. Additionally, the unit's small size and irregular configuration further negates its capability to provide solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The rather featureless, non-challenging terrain would not provide exceptional opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Furthermore, the area's small size and configuration would restrict free movement.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values were noted in the unit.
5. Rehabilitation: The fencelines could be removed easily, but the reservoirs would require a significant amount of mechanical equipment to rehabilitate them to a generally natural condition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

11,470 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: Although a portion of the unit contains more than 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable, neither outstanding opportunities for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are present.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:

The only comment received addressed the presence of an unknown road crossing the area and the area's good hunting opportunities. No road was found to cross the area during field examinations and the area's hunting opportunities have been recognized.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-004/CA-020-813A&B

UNIT NAME: Hog Ranch Mountain

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate inventory area is about 22 miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch-Airport. Prominent features in the mountainous landscape unit are Hog Ranch Mountain in the south and Hog Ranch Canyon in the north. Numerous knolls and drainages of varying widths and depths radiate from these features. Vegetation includes Great Basin shrubs and some patches of juniper, aspen and mountain mahogany. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The small, narrow, elongated area totals about 9,980 acres of public land. The roadless area consists of 6,620 acres as 3,360 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: Numerous man-made structures exist in the small area. Many miles of ways, mining excavations, livestock watering facilities, and a fenceline significantly impact the unit's natural condition. The impacts are widespread.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Despite the presence of somewhat broken topography, outstanding opportunities for solitude do not exist. The unit's narrow configuration and small size seriously restrict the availability of solitude opportunities.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit's small size and narrow configuration negates opportunities for unconfined types of primitive recreation. Such primitive recreational activities as hiking, horseback riding, and camping would be limited to an extremely small, confined area.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values were noted in the unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

9,980 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The portion of the unit that contains more than 5,000 acres of contiguous public land does not generally appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. Therefore, further wilderness consideration is unnecessary.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:

The only comment received addressed the unit's proximity to a well known mining area, the access needs of private land owners and the unsuitability of the area for wilderness due to dust and noise pollution from vehicular use on boundary roads. The unit's proximity to a mining area is recognized, and the access needs of private land owners as well as impacts occurring from the boundary roads (outside the area) are Study Phase considerations, not inventory considerations.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-006/CA-020-914A

UNIT NAME: Warm Springs Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate unit lies just northwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch. The unit covers a gentle rolling terrain which flattens out to form scattered small mesas with rock bluffs. Vegetation is sparse, consisting of low and big sagebrush with some scattered clumps of mountain mahogany along the unit's northern border. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit includes 65,369 acres of public land. Numerous roads were identified in the intensive field review which separate the unit into seven subunits. Three of these subunits are less than the minimum 5,000 acres in size (6,804 acres total). The four remaining subunits contain 21,841 acres, 6,149 acres, 22,550 acres, and 8,025 acres, respectively, and were evaluated individually for wilderness characteristics.
2. Naturalness: Each of the subunits were found to be in a natural condition, with the evidence of past activities to be minimal.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The lack of vegetative screening, topographic diversity, and limited secluded spots are characteristic of all of the subunits and provide them with less than an outstanding opportunity for solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: Undiversified topography and vegetation, lack of natural screening, no significant points of interest or challenge, and unavailability of water result in an absence of outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation in all of the subunits.
4. Supplemental Values: Wildlife and possible archaeological values were identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

65,369 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: Although a portion of the unit contains more than 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable, neither outstanding opportunities for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are present.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:
None received.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-006A/CA-020-914

UNIT NAME: East Fork High
Rock Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in northwestern Nevada about six miles west of Soldier Meadows Ranch and Airport. It is about eight miles wide and thirteen miles long. The area is rich in topographic features varying from rolling hills and small plateaus with minor canyons to deep, rugged canyons and rocky bluffs. Vegetation includes sparsely scattered juniper stands, willows in drainage bottoms, and low desert shrubs. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The roadless area contains about 53,920 acres of public land.
2. Naturalness: A variety of man-made features are widely scattered about the area. They include short bulldozed fencelines, one extending for eight miles, a few small low profile water structures (springs and reservoirs) located mostly along the unit's edge, and a few miles of ways. These unnatural features are well screened by topographic features and widely scattered about the area. They do not have a significant impact on the area, leaving it in a substantially natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for outstanding solitude abound in the extremely diverse landscape. The numerous canyons and rocky rims provide many places for individuals to feel alone and they are natural barriers that will keep users separated from other visitors.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The diverse landscape could provide limitless opportunities for a variety of primitive recreational activities. The massive canyonland complex would provide challenging outdoor skills in such activities as hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling.
4. Supplemental Values: The area contains a wealth of cultural and historical values plus a substantial raptor (birds of prey) population.
5. Rehabilitation: Visual impact associated with the fencelines could be mitigated by removing them. The impacts from the ways and the bulldozer scars will require a long period of time to revert to a mostly natural condition without mechanical aids.

RECOMMENDATION:

53,920 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The proposed Wilderness Study Area contains at least 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. It also has outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:

Comments supported the unit as meeting the criteria necessary for WSA identification on its own merit and as a "Wilderness Complex" with adjacent roadless area. Other comments addressed the unit's rich supplemental values - cultural, historical, wildlife, and beautiful scenery. The supplemental values were considered in making the unit's recommendation, however, the "Wilderness complex" is a Study Phase consideration. Other comments addressed the presence of roads (but no specific one), the access needs of private landowners, and the value of the area to four wheelers, rockhounds and desert lovers. Access needs and other resource values and uses are not inventory considerations, but will be assessed in the Study Phase.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-008/CA-020-913

UNIT NAME: Little High Rock Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in the northwestern corner of Nevada about seven miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch and Airport. The roadless area is a large canyonland complex with various small mountain peaks. Little High Rock Canyon, the most dramatic of the canyons in the unit, reaches depths greater than 700 feet. Vegetation consists mainly of low-profile desert shrubs. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The inventory area contains about 53,573 acres of roadless public land in a broadly shaped unit extending 10 miles wide and 12 miles long. 430 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The remaining area contains a number of man-made features but most are widely scattered, very low profile and effectively screened by the broken canyonland landscape. A concentration of past mining activities coupled with a number of reservoirs and ways render two small portions totaling 1,000 acres unnatural in character. The rest is substantially natural.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Solitude could be easily achieved within the highly varied landscape. The numerous canyons and drainages provide unlimited places for one to feel alone. The deep canyons and precipitious walls are significant natural barriers that would help keep visitors separated from one another. Outstanding opportunities for solitude definitely exist within the area.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The mountainous canyon-land landscape provides many opportunities for visitors to participate in a variety of primitive recreational pursuits. The diverse terrain challenges outdoor skills and the presence of a variety of supplemental resource values further enhance opportunities for primitive types of recreation.

4. Supplemental Values: The area contains a variety of raptors and other wildlife species and cultural resource values.

RECOMMENDATION:

52,143 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

1,430 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The portion of the unit proposed as a Wilderness Study Area contains at least 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. It also has outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION: Comments supported the unit as meeting the criteria necessary for WSA identification on its own merit and as a "Wilderness Complex" with adjacent roadless area. Other comments addressed the unit's rich supplemental values - cultural, historic, wildlife, beautiful scenery. The supplemental values were considered in making the unit's recommendation, however, the "Wilderness Complex" is a Study Phase consideration. Other comments addressed the presence of roads (but no specific one), the access needs of private landowners, and the value of the area to four wheelers, rockhounds and desert lovers. Access needs and other resource values and uses are not inventory considerations, but will be assessed in the Study Phase.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-009/CA-020-823

UNIT NAME: Leadville

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is 20 miles north of Gerlach and just south of the old mining site of Leadville. A high plateau-like basin consisting of gentle rolling hills with scattered rock outcrops and numerous shallow drainages characterizes the unit. The dominant vegetation consists of high and low sagebrush and scattered juniper. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit includes 27,023 acres of public lands. The roadless area consists of 26,224 acres as 799 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and private land. These do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The unit appears to be in a natural condition with the works of man substantially unnoticeable.

3. Outstanding Opportunities for:

A. Solitude: The absence of vegetative screening and lack of topographic diversity provide the unit with less than an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: Undiversified topography and vegetation, lack of natural screening, no significant points of interest or challenge, and unavailability of water result in an absence of outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values were noted in the unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

27,023 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: Although a portion of the unit contains more than 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable, neither outstanding opportunities for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are present.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:

The only comment received noted the fact that the area did not meet the minimum 5,000 acre size requirement. (The roadless area is contiguous to a much larger area administered by the Winnemucca District and by association the Susanville portion qualified.)

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-010/CA-020-816/
CA-020-821/CA-020-820

UNIT NAME: Crutcher

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate inventory unit is about 25 miles northwest of Gerlach, Nevada. The moderately elevated, irregular-shaped unit consists of a gently rolling landscape in the north and central portion increasing to steeper slopes in the south. A few scattered intermittent drainages form small to moderately sized open canyons. Vegetation is dominated by sagebrush with a light scattering of juniper. The unit is managed by the Winnemucca BLM District and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The area consists of 52,745 acres of contiguous public land. Road documentation has separated this unit into six separate subunits. Three of these subunits total 5,420 acres, but each individually contains less than the minimum acreage necessary for wilderness consideration. The remaining three areas contain 14,150 acres, 26,490 acres, and 6,685 acres, respectively. These three areas were individually evaluated for wilderness characteristics.

2. Naturalness: Most of the land in each subunit appears to be less than natural as the works of man are substantially noticeable with 17 miles of ways, numerous fencelines, a powerline running through the area's center, and a communication station atop Fox Mountain.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for solitude exist but they are not considered outstanding. The northern subunit lacks both the topographic and vegetative features that would enable visitors to find a secluded spot and increases one's chances for avoiding the sights and sounds of other visitors to the area. The more broken topography in the southern subunits possess only a few natural features that would provide solitude; the drainages and canyons are few in number and small featured, and the vegetation that is sufficient for providing screening is only lightly scattered.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The slightly mountainous landscape would provide only limited occasions for primitive recreation. It would not challenge outdoor skills or afford many chances to indulge in a variety of recreational activities. Upland and big game hunting is considered moderate to poor along with recreational opportunities in all of the subunits.
4. Supplemental Values: Small deer and antelope population along with some predators exist in the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

52,745 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: Although a portion of the unit contains more than 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable, neither outstanding opportunities for solitude nor a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are present.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION: Comments addressed the presence of private lands, noise and dust pollution from vehicular use on boundary roads and transmission lines forming one boundary. The private land and noise and dust pollution are impacts to be assessed during the Study Phase and the information pertaining to the transmission lines has been recorded. The unit along with numerous other ones is mentioned in a general comment objecting to the rationales used to drop areas from further wilderness consideration, however, no information specifically addresses this unit. One comment addressed a portion of the unit as being less than 5,000 acres in size, although the unit is in fact much larger.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-012/CA-020-621 and 618 UNIT NAME: Poodle Mountain

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is just northwest of Gerlach. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

The unit consists of a gentle rolling terrain giving way to numerous buttes and mesas with rim rock bluffs. The western portion of the unit contains three finger-like steep rocky canyons which run in an east-west direction. Another steep canyon runs north and south bordering the unit's west side. Vegetation consists mainly of low and big sagebrush and juniper.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit contains 137,160 acres of public land. The roadless area of the total unit consists of 133,462 acres as 3,698 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and did not meet the size criterion.
2. Naturalness: 127,829 acres were found to be in a natural condition. 5,633 acres were deleted due to lack of naturalness.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The unit's tremendous size, configuration, topographical, and vegetative screening and numerous isolated spots provide it with an outstanding opportunity for solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit's terrain and natural screening offer an outstanding opportunity for backpacking, hiking, and sightseeing. The abundance of deer provides outstanding hunting. Overall, the unit provides an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: The unit's unique topographical features, wildlife, and possible archaeological finds offer supplemental values.

RECOMMENDATION:

127,829 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

9,331 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The portion of the unit proposed as a Wilderness Study Area contains at least 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. It also has outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:
All the comments received supported the unit as a WSA individually and in context with the wilderness complexes.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-021/CA-020-822 A&B
CA-020-823

UNIT NAME: No Name

AREA DESCRIPTION: This interstate unit is about 18 miles north of Gerlach, Nevada. The area consists of gentle rolling terrain with scattered rock outcrops. The north end of the North Fork of Negro Creek gorge runs through the southeast end of the area. Vegetation is dominated by low-growing sagebrush. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit contains 5,230 acres of public land, split by documented roads into several sub-units, each less than the minimum 5,000 contiguous acres of public land.
2. Naturalness: The area appears to be generally natural.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The area offers less than an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of its extremely small size.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit offers less than outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values were noted in the unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

5,230 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The unit does not contain any area with at least 5,000 acres of contiguous public land, nor any area that fits one of the size exceptions.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTIONS:
Two comments were received: one noted the fact that the area did not meet the minimum 5,000 acre size requirement. The second addressed impacts the boundary roads have on solitude. (The boundary roads are considered outside the area and should be analyzed in the study phase.)

UNIT NUMBER: NV-030-531/CA-010-105

UNIT NAME: Slinkard

AREA DESCRIPTION: The Slinkard unit generally covers a very steep, rugged ridge between Bagley Valley and Slinkard Valley, California, and is bisected north-south by the Alpine-Mono County line. Those public lands in Alpine County are administered by the Carson City BLM District; those in Mono County by the Bakersfield District Office. The unit shares a one and one-quarter mile common boundary on its south end with the adjacent Carson-Iceberg wilderness proposal administered by the Toiyabe National Forest. The east boundary is private lands leased to California Fish and Game Department for wildlife management; the west side fronts on private lands except for about five miles of roads. The north boundary is divided between private lands and State Route 89 through Monitor Pass. Vegetation is primarily mature stands of ponderosa pine and fir trees mixed with aspen groves, mountain mahogany and undergrowth of various mountain shrubs, grasses, and bushes.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The Carson City District portion contains 2,240 acres and the Bakersfield District portion contains 3,200 acres of public lands, for a total of 5,440 acres.
2. Naturalness: No man-made improvements are located inside the unit. There is some evidence of sheep and cattle grazing, particularly among the aspen-lined drainages. The general appearance is one of undisturbed alpine mountain ecosystem free of the works of man.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: In spite of the relatively narrow, two and one-half by six mile configuration of the unit, it shares the same dense forests and rugged topography as the Carson-Iceberg RARE II wilderness proposal it adjoins. Both vegetative and topographic screening are uncommonly superior and offer numerous opportunities for seclusion. The opportunity for solitude is outstanding.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: Sufficient snow-cover has been present for the two winter seasons during the wilderness inventory process to provide significant cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow camping opportunities. Because State Routes 89 and 4, which allow vehicle access to the Carson-Iceberg wilderness are often closed to traffic, the Slinkard unit offers an access route to the Carson River, Silver King Valley, and the spectacular Carson-Iceberg beyond. Hiking, rock climbing, hunting, sightseeing, backpacking, nature study, and photography opportunities are of excellent quality throughout the unit. Especially when considered in conjunction with the adjacent Carson-Iceberg wilderness study proposal, the overall recreation opportunity is outstanding.
4. Supplemental Values: The unit contains interesting geological, scenic, botanical and ecological features. Historical evidence centers around past ranching or mining activities; no archeological sites were documented.
5. Rehabilitation: Additional management of sheep grazing would allow the heavily grazed aspen groves to restore to a more natural appearance.

RECOMMENDATION:

5,440 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The portion of the unit proposed as a Wilderness Study Area contains at least 5,000 acres of contiguous public land that generally appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. It also has outstanding opportunities for solitude, and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION: Most comments stated that since the unit meets the Wilderness Act criteria, it should be designated as a WSA. Additional comments addressed the unit's mineral potential. This resource value will be evaluated during the study phase of the wilderness review process. One comment indicated the unit lacks outstanding opportunity for solitude and primitive and unconfined types of recreation due to the unit's small size and linear shape. However, since the unit adjoins a RARE II area proposed for wilderness designation, these opportunities are considered outstanding.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is two miles east of Doyle, California and contains about 22,990 acres of public land. The mostly mountainous landscape, varying in elevation from 4,000 feet to 7,990 feet, contains a number of scattered steep prominent peaks, associated ridgelines, small canyons and hills. Juniper, sagebrush, and bitterbrush are the dominant vegetative species within the unit with a scattering of bushes and grasses present at the lower elevations. A number of dead-end roads cut deeply into the area's core from the south boundary.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The inventory area contains about 22,990 acres of public land managed by the Carson City and Susanville District Offices. The area's configuration is irregular with varying widths of a half-mile to seven miles.
2. Naturalness: The cumulative effects of a large number of man-made impacts (vehicle ways, dead-end roads, motorcycle trails, water developments and mining activity scars) leave the area unnatural in appearance.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The mountainous landscape would provide some opportunities for visitors to achieve a sense of solitude, however, outstanding opportunities are negated by the area's relatively small size, irregular configuration, and the existence of a number of closely spaced dead-end roads cutting deeply into the unit's core.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The varied landscape, in conjunction with its supplemental values, could provide some opportunities for primitive recreation, however, the area's relatively small size and configuration in concert with the numerous man-made structures limits free movement and the quantity and quality of primitive recreational occurrences.
4. Supplemental Values: Small populations of deer and chukar can be observed along with some eagles and hawks. The area is also noted for varied and interesting rock formations.
5. Rehabilitation: The potential to restore the area to a mostly natural condition is low due to the density and types of man-made features. Rehabilitation would require intensive application of heavy equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

22,990 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The unit does not generally appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable nor does it possess either an outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERED PORTION:
The only comment received suggested that the entire roadless area be inventoried as the single unit that it is. (The entire unit has undergone a joint intensive inventory by the two involved districts.)

UNIT NUMBER: CA-020-822

UNIT NAME: Negro Creek

Inventory Unit CA-020-822 (Negro Creek) was reported as an interstate inventory unit with a deferred decision in the California Final Intensive Inventory Report December, 1979. Based upon further road identification the interstate portion of the unit has been addressed as separate units, CA-020-822A and CA-020-822B. However, the remainder of the unit is submitted for public review and comment in order to stay any possible confusion caused by the changing status.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The inventory unit is located approximately 24 miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch Airport. It contains approximately 5,300 acres of contiguous public land enclosing no non-public land. Characteristic landscape ranges from low rolling hills with shallow drainages in the east to undulating ridges with steeper drainages in the west. Vegetation is comprised of low sagebrush with some juniper and mountain mahogany scattered in the higher elevations.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The roadless area contains approximately 5,300 acres of public land. The area varies in width from less than one mile to three miles and about three and one-half miles in length.
2. Naturalness: The area has retained its natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The areas small size, narrow shape and limited number of natural features individually and cumulatively negates outstanding opportunities for solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The area would not provide any exceptional opportunities for primitive recreation. The commonplace gentle topography lacking diversity and challenge in conjunction with the area's small size would not enhance one's pursuit for primitive recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: The area is thought to support a small population of antelope and deer.
5. Rehabilitation: The few short sections of "ways" in the area have good rehabilitation potential.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

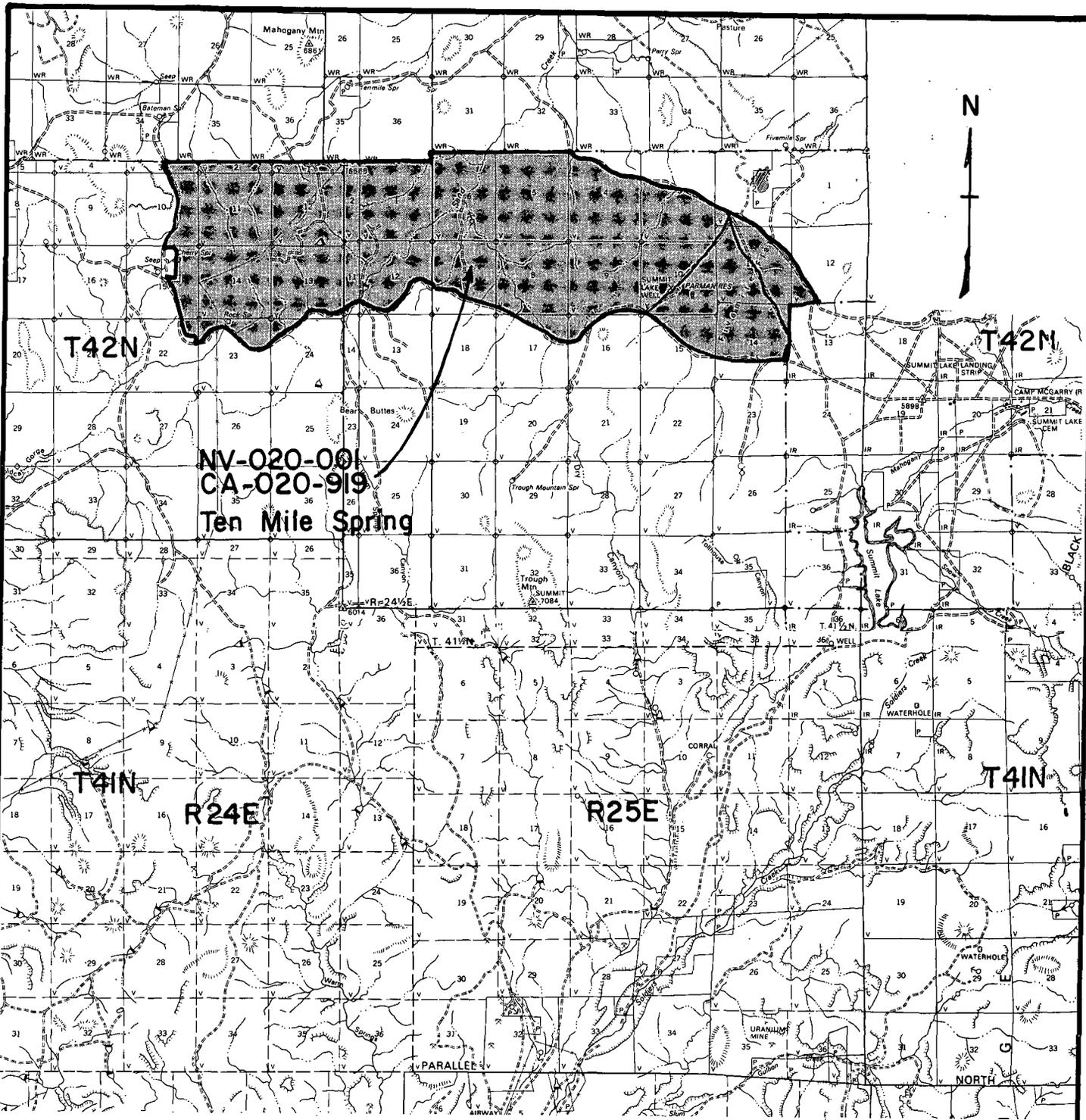
5,300 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The roadless area does not possess wilderness characteristics required for wilderness study. It is natural in character but does not provide outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive and

unconfined types of recreation.

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The only comment received addressed the impacts the boundary roads would have on solitude. These roads are considered to be outside of the area and outside impacts are a Study Phase consideration.

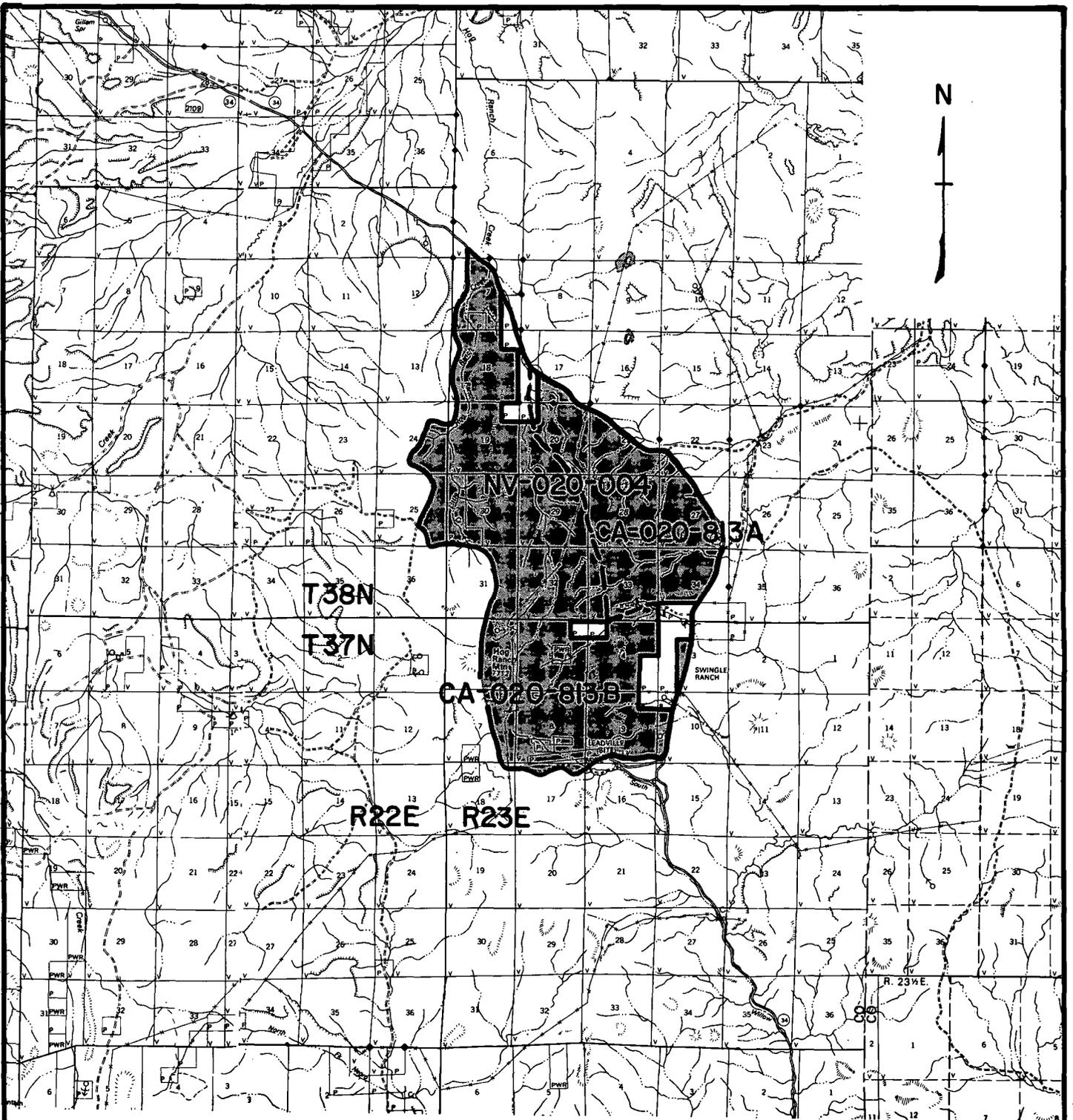


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-  Area recommended for elimination from wilderness consideration



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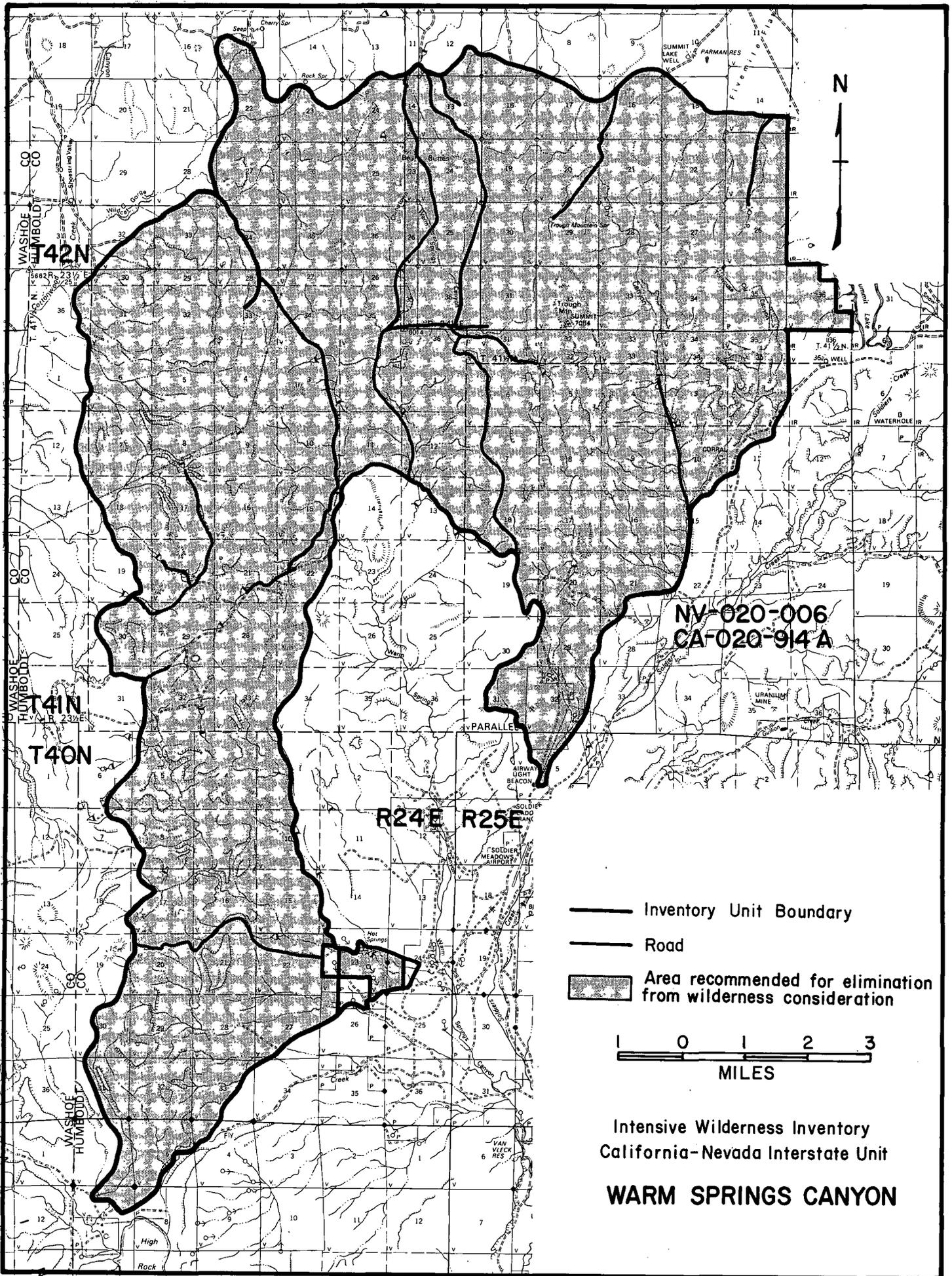
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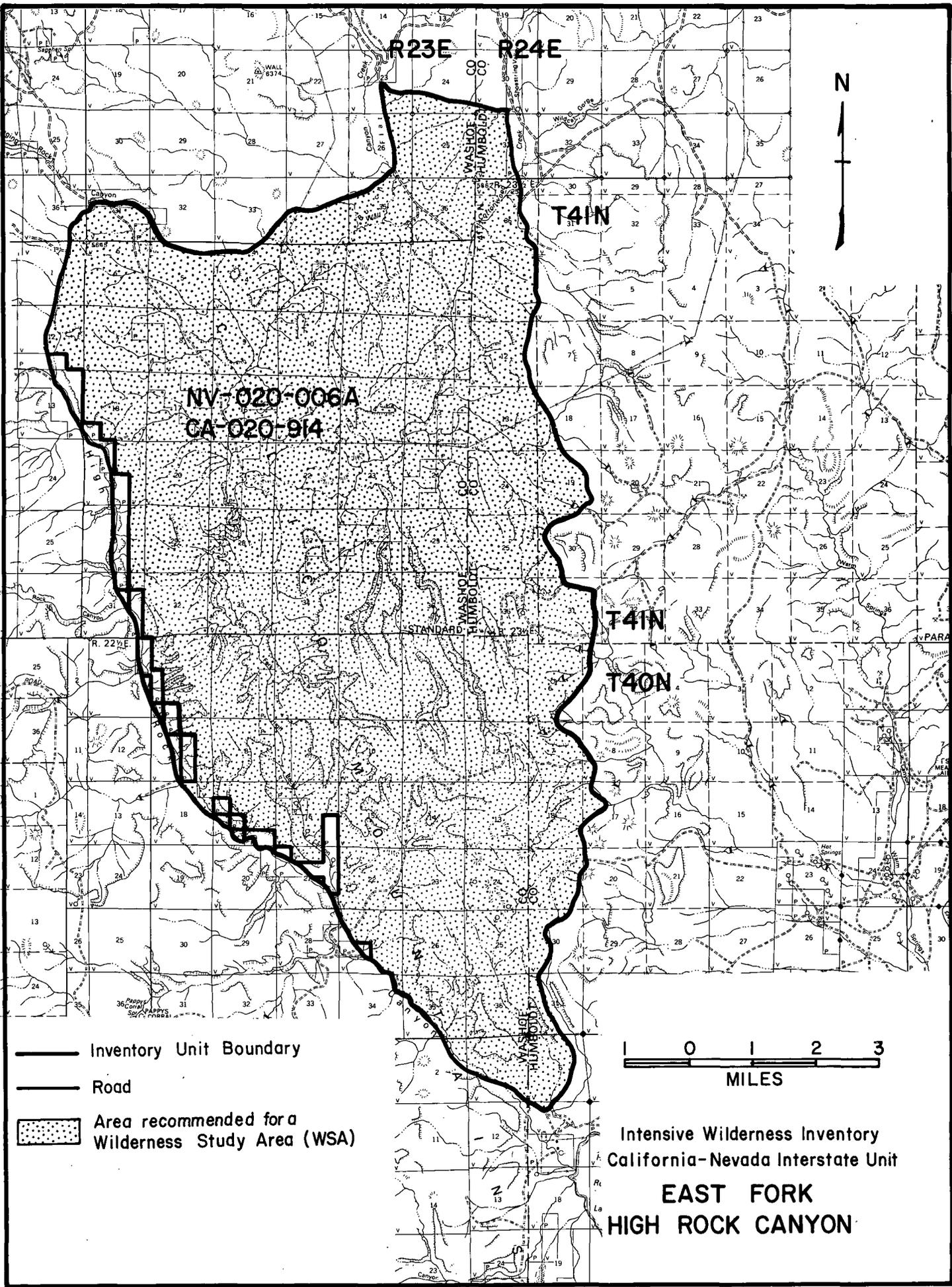


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**HOG RANCH
 MOUNTAIN**



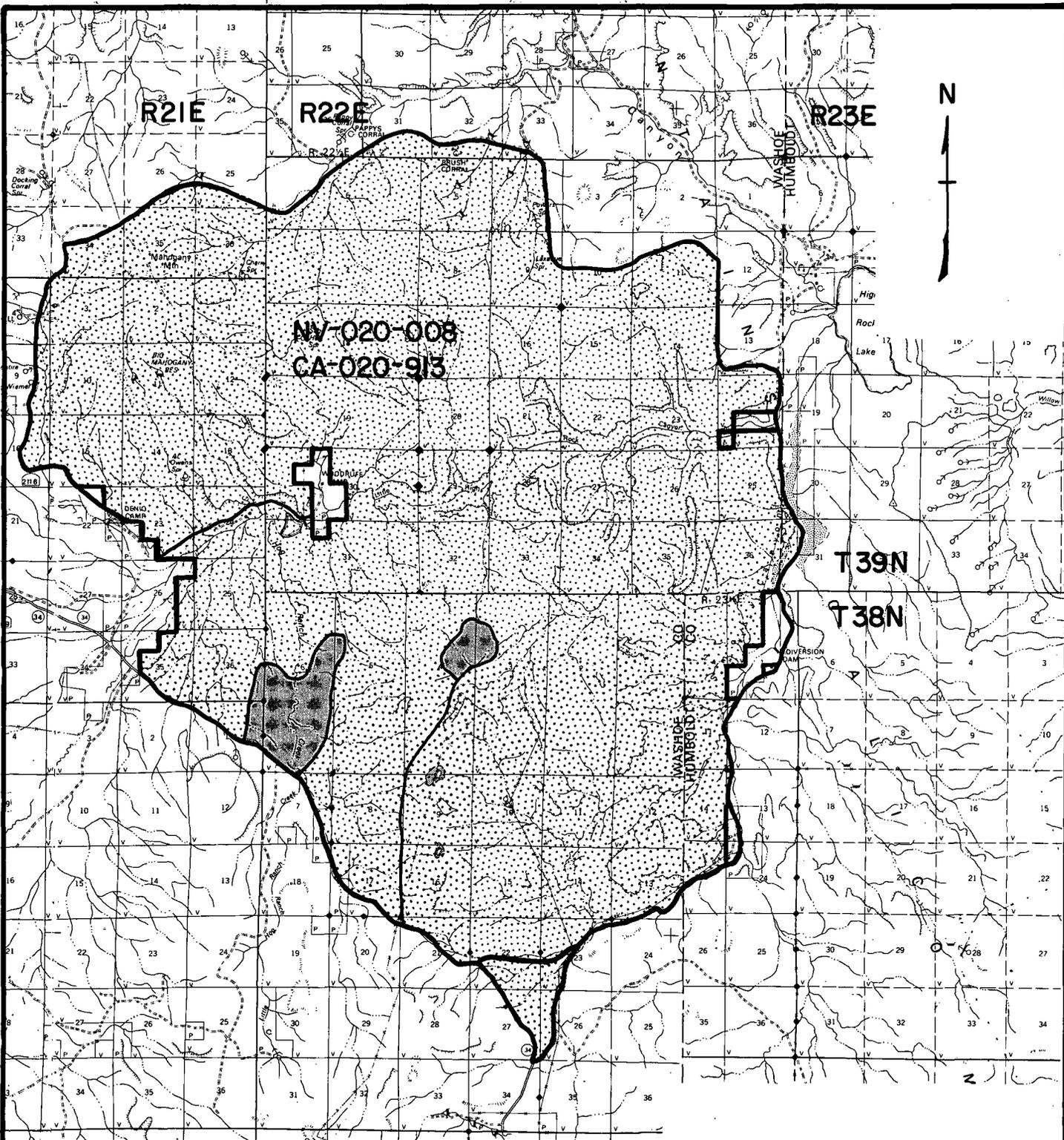


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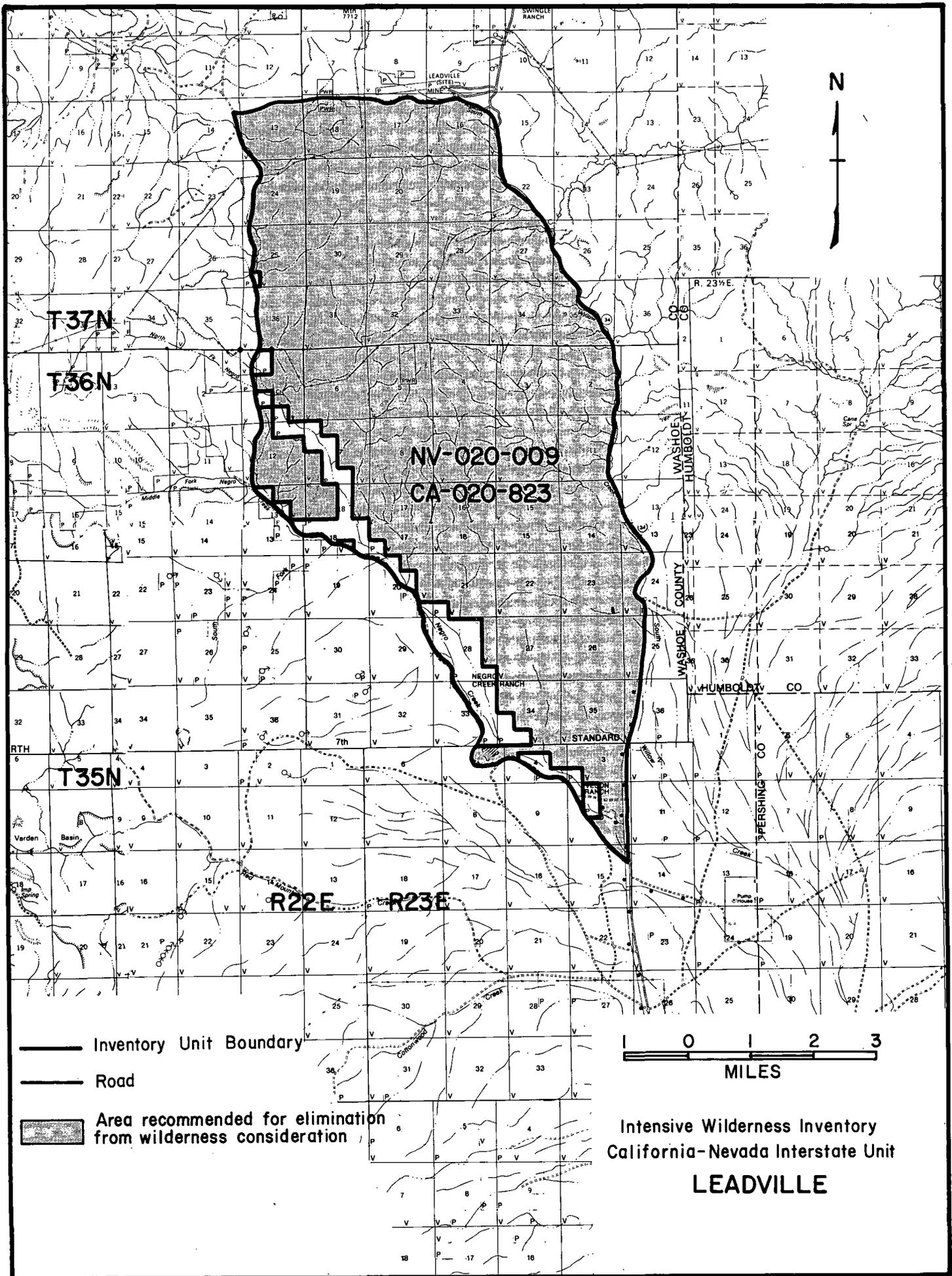
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California-Nevada Interstate Unit
**EAST FORK
HIGH ROCK CANYON**



-  Inventory Unit Boundary
-  Road
-  Area recommended for a Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
-  Area recommended for elimination from wilderness consideration



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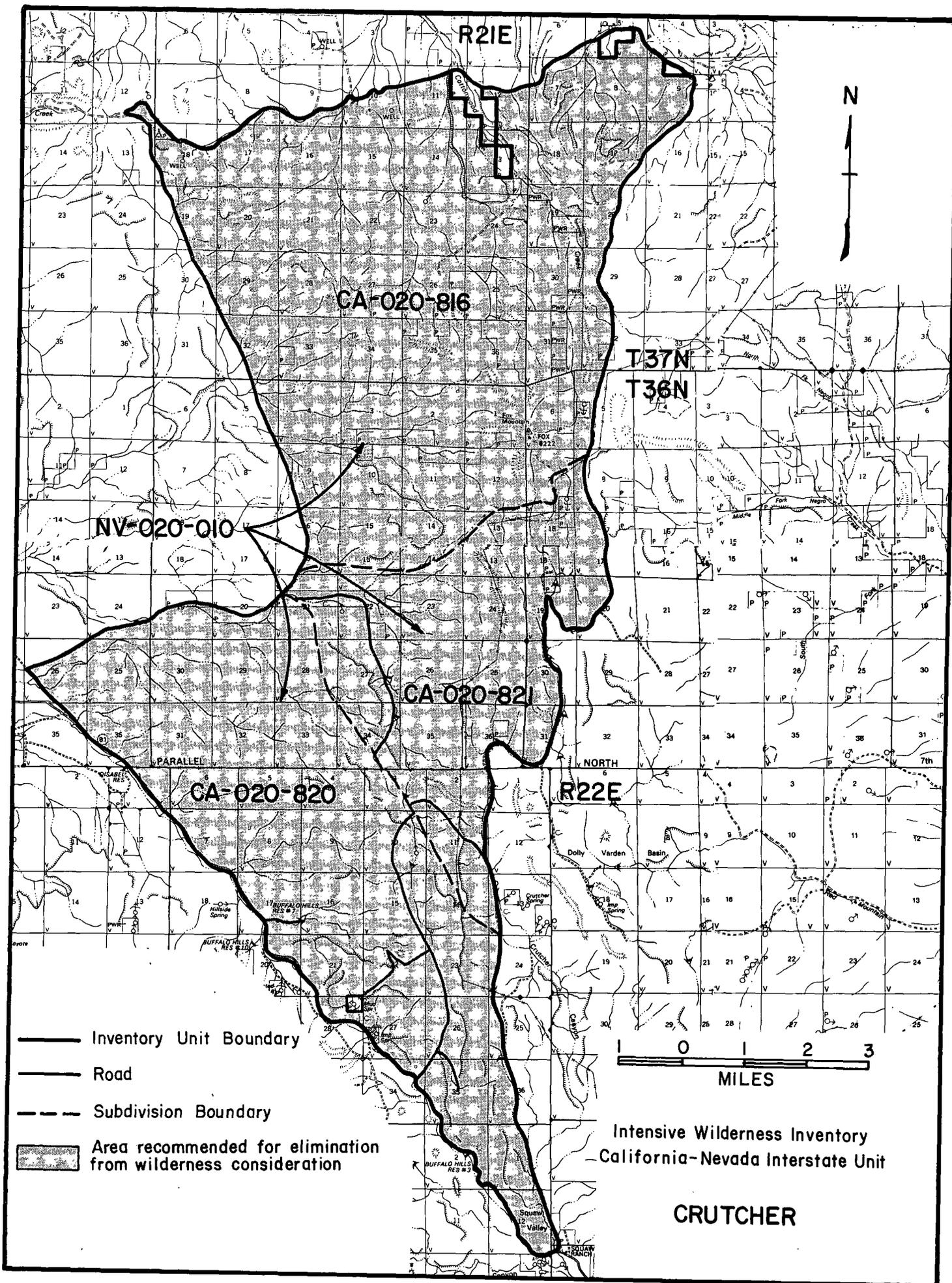
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California-Nevada Interstate Unit
LEADVILLE



- Inventory Unit Boundary
- Road
- Subdivision Boundary
- Area recommended for elimination from wilderness consideration



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CRUTCHER



- Inventory Unit Boundary
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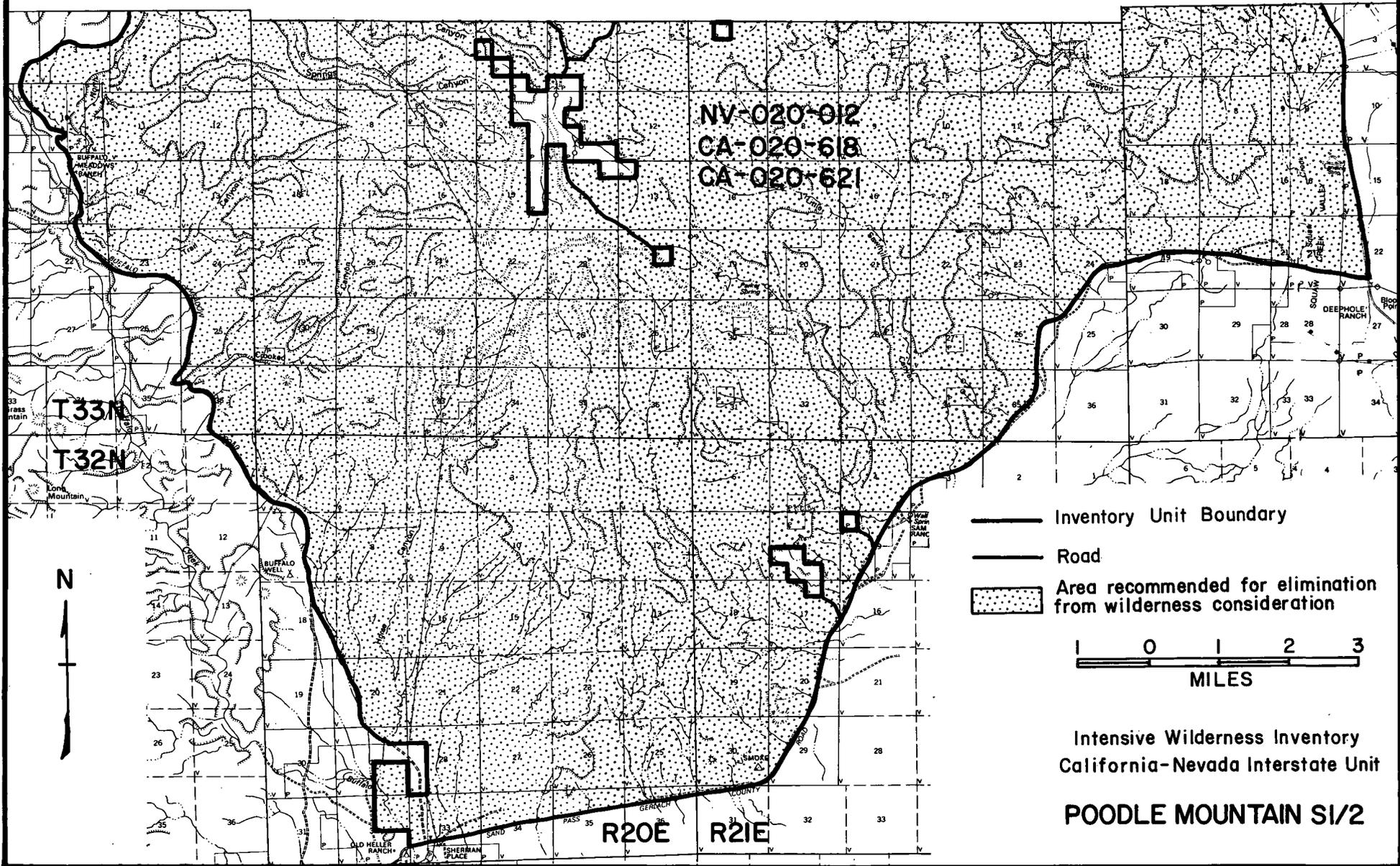
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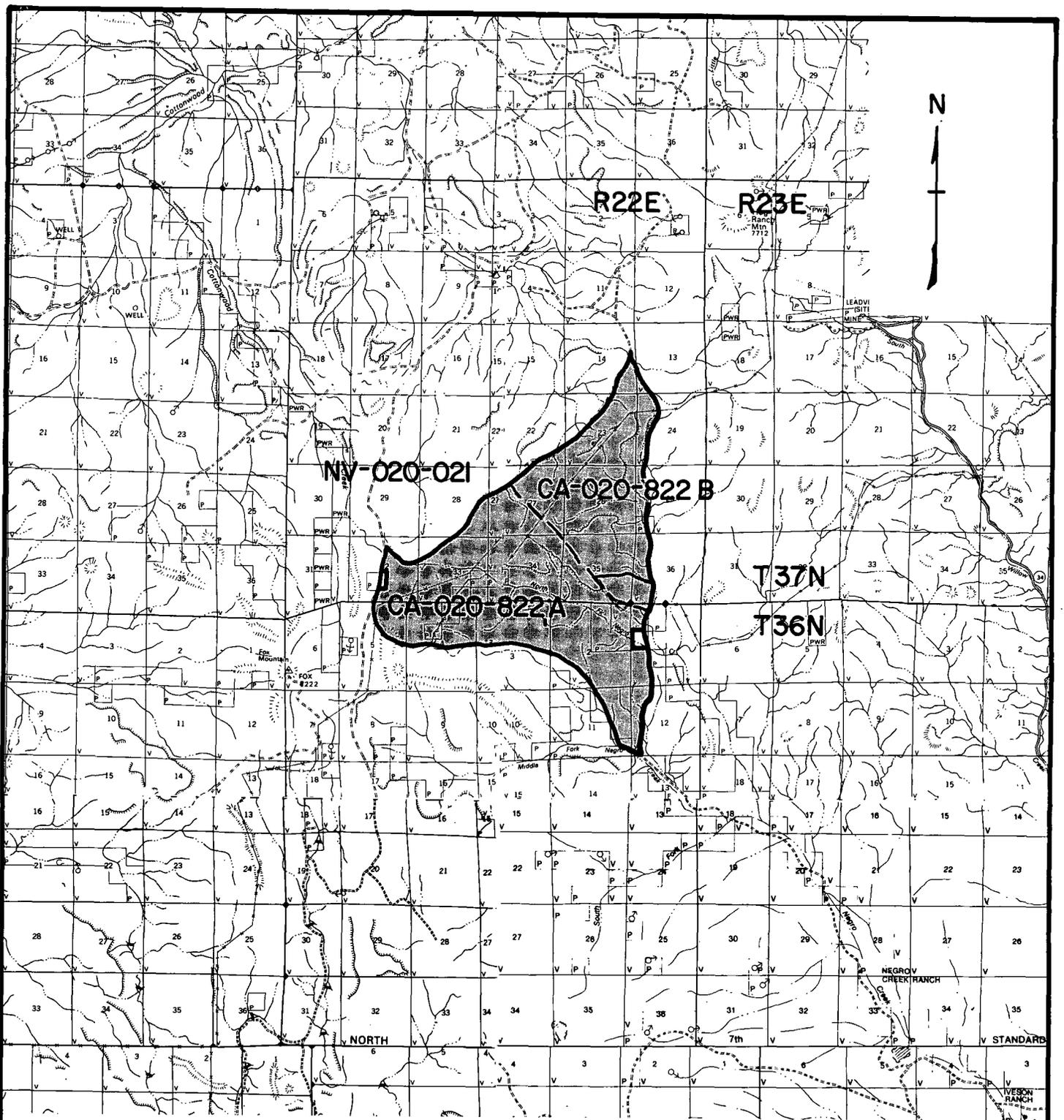
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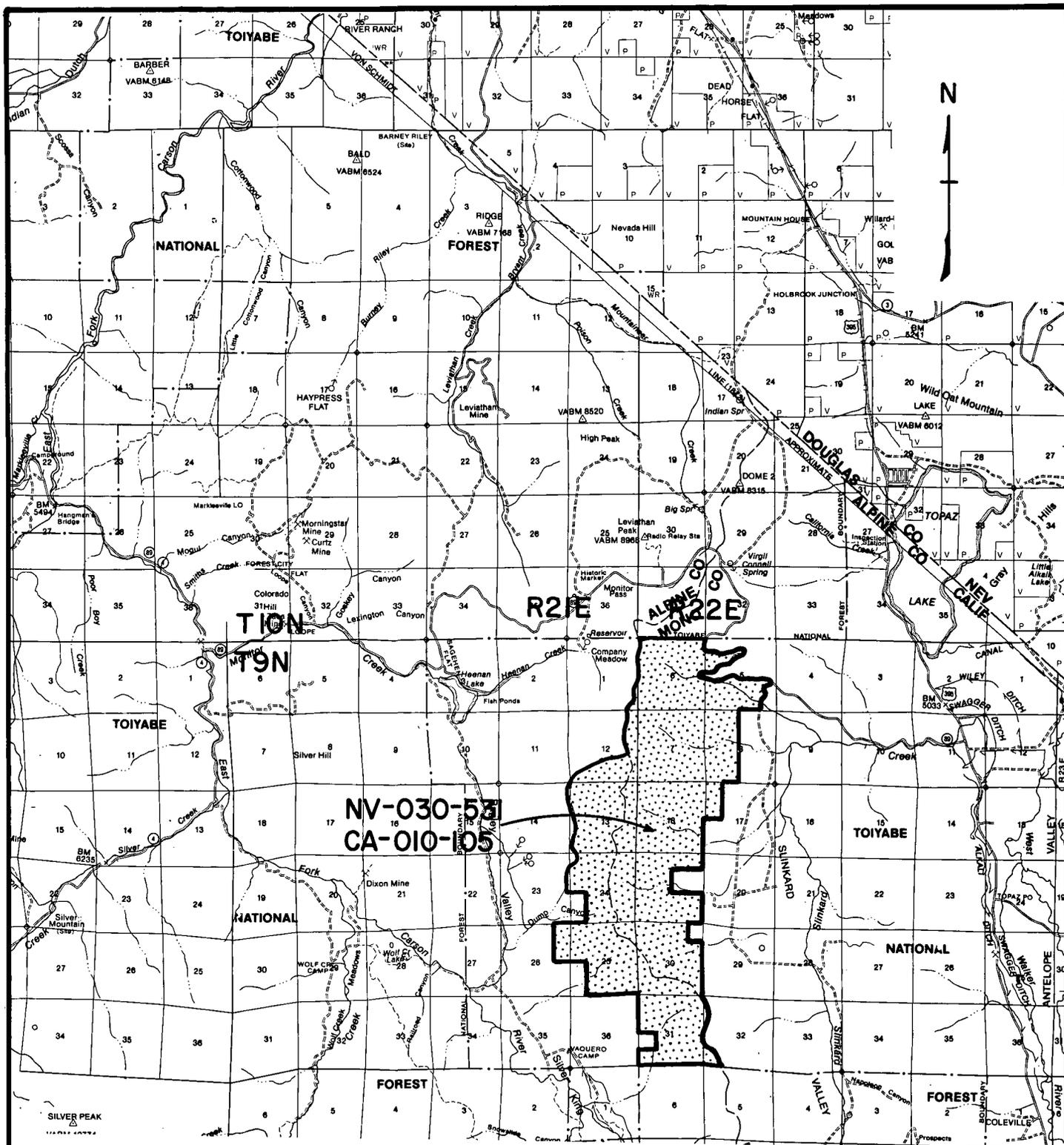


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-  Subdivision Boundary
-  Area recommended for elimination from wilderness consideration



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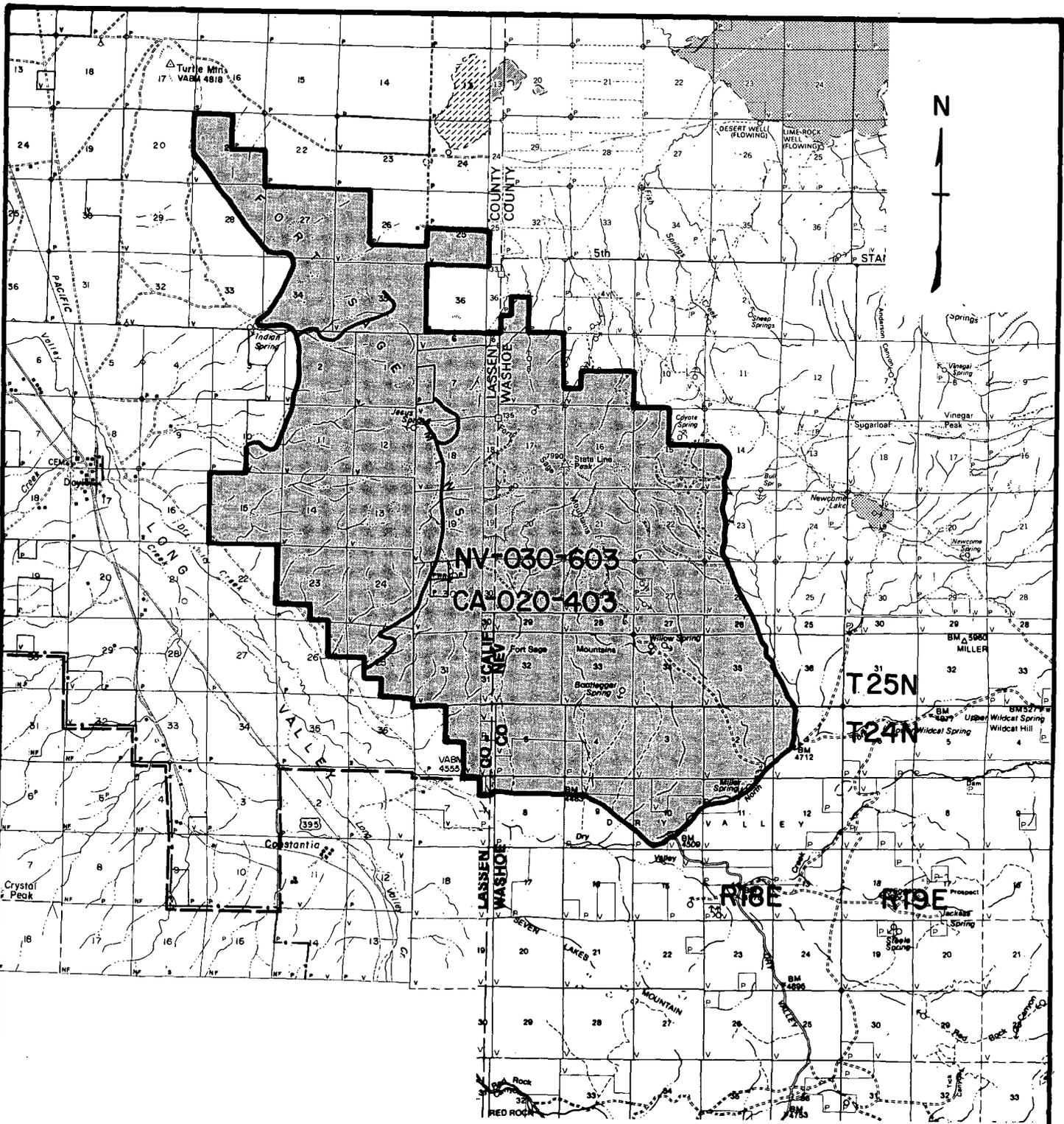


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-  Area recommended for Wilderness Study Area (WSA)



Intensive Wilderness Inventory
California-Nevada Interstate Unit

SLINKARD



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-  Inventory Unit Boundary
-  Road
-  Area recommended for elimination from wilderness consideration



Intensive Wilderness Inventory
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FORT SAGE MOUNTAIN

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Unit Number: 1-126/CA-020-1010

Unit Name: Coleman Valley/Macy Flat

Description

Size: This interstate unit contains approximately 36,700 acres of contiguous public lands; 23,640 acres in Oregon and 13,060 acres in Nevada. The public lands in Nevada are administered by the BLM district office in Susanville, California.

Location: The unit is located eight miles east of Adel.

Boundaries: The north boundary is Oregon Highway 140. The west boundary in Oregon is BLM Road 6182 and County Road 3-15 which is designated as Nevada Highway 34 in the Susanville District. The east boundary is BLM 6102C in Oregon and becomes the Macy Flat Road in the Susanville District. The south boundary is defined by Nevada Highway 34 and the Macy Flat Road.

Physical Characteristics: The western side of the unit contains the flats of Coleman Valley. The unit rises sharply at a north to south trending fault scarp at the east side of Coleman Valley and the remaining portion consists of flat to low rolling topography on a gently descending dip slope to the east. Vegetation on the unit is primarily sagebrush with juniper with aspen stands in the higher elevations.

Wilderness Criteria:

Size: The unit meets the minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: There are approximately 26 miles of bladed ways and roads on the Oregon side of the unit which significantly affect the northern part of the unit. The Nevada side contains approximately seven miles of minor ways and several small reservoirs which do not substantially affect the southern part of the unit. Joint evaluation of the unit by Susanville and Lakeview personnel determined that the northern part of the unit does not appear generally natural but that the Nevada side remains primarily affected by the forces of nature.

Solitude: There are minor areas near the rim on the western side of the unit which would provide some opportunity for solitude. The gently rolling to flat areas in the rest of the unit with little vegetation cover are not conducive to solitude, presenting poor opportunities to avoid the presence of others in the unit. The unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for solitude.

Recreation: The portions of the unit near the rim and "Rocky Canyon", a small side canyon which breaks the rim just south of the Nevada border, would provide some limited opportunity for hiking. The unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Supplemental Values: The unit may contain some archaeological values.

Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: Joint evaluation by Lakeview and Susanville District personnel determined that the portion of the unit north of the Oregon-Nevada State Line does not remain in an apparently natural condition and the unit as a whole does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Preliminary Summary of Public Comments - California-Administered Portion:

Comments concurred with the preliminary recommendation that the California portion of the interstate unit did not meet wilderness study area criteria. One comment addressed the area as meeting wilderness study area criteria especially when considered with the contiguous Oregon land and another addressed the presence of private land within the unit.

Unit Number: 1-157/CA-020-1005

Unit Name: Coleman Valley West/Colman Ranch

This unit includes public lands in both Oregon and Nevada. The Nevada lands are administered by the BLM Susanville District Office in California. The public lands in Oregon are located in two pieces which are not contiguous to each other in Oregon but which are both contiguous to the public lands in Nevada. The two arms in Oregon were listed in the initial inventory report and shown on the initial inventory map as Units 1-157 and 1-162. Because they are parts of one piece of contiguous public land crossing the state line, the lands formerly in Unit 1-162 are now included in Unit 1-157. The following narrative describes all of the contiguous public lands in both states.

Description

Size: The unit contains 23,005 acres--10,000 acres in Oregon and 13,005 acres in Nevada. Inholdings include 360 acres of private land at Cahill Reservoir and another 40-acre parcel in Oregon and 880 acres of private land in scattered tracts in Nevada.

Location: Ten miles south of Adel.

Boundaries: The northeast arm in Oregon is bounded by BLM Road 6172 and spurs on the west, and Road W7 and private lands on the east. The northwest arm in Oregon is bounded by a 500-KV powerline road on the west, private land on the north, and BLM Road 6172 C and private land on the east. The lands in Nevada are bounded by the powerline road on the west, by the Barrel Springs Road and private land on the south, and by roads and private land on the east.

Physical Characteristics: The west side of the unit is a low plateau dissected by Twelvemile and Horse Creeks. Elevations rise sharply east of the Horse Creek drainage. Most of the rest of the unit contains low, rolling hills with a few rocks, ridgelines, and shallow drainages. A small mountain range extends from the northeast arm in Oregon south a few miles into Nevada. The dominant vegetation is sagebrush and grass, scattered juniper, and isolated stands of ponderosa pine.

Wilderness Criteria

Size: The unit meets the minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: Because of the overall effect of reservoir developments, spring developments, and roads, the northern four miles of the northeast portion of the unit do not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature. This portion contains three developed springs and very noticeable roads leading to Terry Spring and Cahill Reservoir. Two small reservoirs are located in the north end. The northwest arm of the unit is very narrow, and it is significantly affected by the 500-kV powerline along the west boundary. The southern portion is affected to a minor degree by a few miles of ways and several pit reservoirs, but it remains generally natural in appearance.

Solitude: The unit offers only marginal opportunities to avoid the presence of others in the unit due to the generally open terrain, the broad flat areas, and little vegetative screening. The small size of the portion retaining a mostly natural condition further restricts opportunities for solitude. The stream drainages in the unit offer minor areas of solitude for small numbers of people.

Recreation: The unit has potential for hunting and wildlife observation with limited potential as a day use area. The limited size of the portion remaining in a natural condition and the absence of unique or

interesting terrain or vegetation limit the recreational attractiveness of the unit. It does not offer any outstanding recreation opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Supplemental Values: The unit may contain some archaeological values.

Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: Most of the unit is natural in character but offers only marginal opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation; the opportunities are not outstanding.

Preliminary Summary of Public Comments - California-Administered Portion: Comments supported the preliminary recommendation that the California-administered portion of the unit did not qualify as a wilderness study area mentioning such factors as private inholdings, ways, roads and livestock support facilities as disqualifying the area.

Unit Number: 1-162

Unit Name: Twlevemile Creek

Public lands in former Unit 1-162 are now included in Unit 1-157/CA-020-1005.

Unit Number: 1-164/CA-020-1004

Unit Name: Snuff/Twelve Mile Creek

Description

Size: The interstate unit contains approximately 16,130 acres of contiguous public land lying partially in the States of Oregon (1,440 acres) and California (14,690). It encompasses two 160-acre private inholdings.

Location: Twelve miles south of Adel.

Boundaries: The eastern boundary of the unit is a road adjoining a 500-kV powerline. The west boundary is County Road 3-14 (Adel-Ft. Bidwell Road) and private land. The south boundary is the Barrel Springs Road.

Physical Characteristics: The terrain consists of low rolling hills. The Fifteem Mile Creek drainage crosses the northwest portion of the unit. Vegetation is sagebrush, juniper and a few scattered pines in the north.

Wilderness Criteria

Size: Meets minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: The majority of the unit has retained mostly a natural condition. The existing man-created impacts--ways and pit reservoirs--are low-profiled and scattered; they are not substantially noticeable.

Solitude: This unit, with the close access of a major road, its small size and general exposures, does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Recreation: This unit is located in an active hunting area. and there are some scenic and hiking values along Fifteen Mile Creek. The unit does not possess outstanding opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation, as potential on the unit is limited.

Supplemental Values: No supplemental values recognized in this unit.

Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: A joint inventory by Susanville and Lakeview District personnel concluded that the unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Preliminary Summary of Public Comments - California-Administered Portion: Comments concurred with the preliminary recommendation that the unit did not qualify as a wilderness study area. One comment objected to excluding this and other units from further study based upon arbitrary judgement that an area lacks vegetative or topographic screening.



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August 28, 1980

Dear Citizen:

Thank you for your past interest in the Bureau of Land Management's Wilderness Inventory Program. By means of this letter and the enclosed package we want to bring you up to date on the status of this important program. Your continued participation is very important.

The Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory Report, Public Lands administered by BLM California outside the California Desert Conservation Area was published in December 1979. Subsequently the inventory decisions in this report were announced by a Federal Register Notice, dated January 7, 1980.

Both the Federal Register Notice and the final report gave procedures for the filing of protests to these decisions. The filing of a protest, within the 30 day period provided, stayed our decision on that particular unit. A total of 35 protests were filed covering 93 inventory unit decisions. As a result of the evaluation of the information received during the protest period, specific amendments have been made to nine wilderness inventory decisions. In addition, one map has been clarified.

Amended decisions:

The details of each amended inventory decision is given in the attached report. It should be used to update the Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory, Public Lands Administered by BLM California outside the California Desert Conservation Area, December 1979, which you have previously received. Additional copies of the December report are still available from this office.

For your convenience the nature of these changes are summarized below.

Summarization of amendments to the
Final Intensive Wilderness
Inventory Report, December 1979

CA-010-064 Symmes Creek

Part of the Wilderness Study Area (WSA) has been eliminated due to roads and other marks of man.

CA-010-075 White Mountain

The portions of this unit which are natural and are contiguous with the U.S. Forest Service White Mountains RARE II area (further planning) have been designated as a WSA.

CA-020-211 Tule Mountain

Additional field investigation found that the unit would provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive types of recreation. This unit has been designated as a WSA.

CA-020-609 Five Springs

A road on the west side has been found to not meet the road definition and has been removed from the map. Additional field investigation found that the unit would provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive types of recreation. This unit has been designated as a WSA.

CA-020-1013 Massacre Rim

Additional field investigation found that the unit would provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. This unit has been designated as a WSA.

CA-030-402 Tunnel Ridge

The WSA in this unit has been expanded west and southwestward to include all of the contiguous natural area.

CA-030-501 Yolla Bolly

This unit is contiguous with the Yolla Bolly wilderness and has been designated as a WSA.

CA-030-504 Oroville Lake

This unit is contiguous with the U.S. Forest Service Bald Rock RARE II area (further planning) and has been designated as a WSA.

CA-060-026 Table Mountain

The WSA portion of this unit has been expanded southwestward to the bottom of the ridge to include all of the contiguous natural area.

NO AMENDMENT - MAP CLARIFICATION ONLY

The published map failed to show the existing utility line and service road through a corner of one of the subunits of CA-010-088. The revised map shows the small corner which is not part of the WSA.

The publication of the attached report and the publication of a Federal Register Notice starts a 30 day appeal period. This appeal period is for each of the nine separate amendments to my December 1979 wilderness inventory decisions only - no other part of California's Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory is open to appeal.

An appeal from these decisions may be taken to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office (not with the Board) so that the case file can be sent to the Board. A copy of the notice of appeal and of any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must be served on the Associate Solicitor, Division of Energy and Resources, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, within 15 days of the filing of any specific document. If the procedures set forth in the regulations are not followed, an appeal is subject to dismissal. Form 1842-1 is enclosed for additional information.

Appeals should address specific inventory units and will be accepted until September 26, 1980 on any of these amended wilderness inventory decisions. Appeals postmarked on or before this date will be accepted.

Appealed decisions:

Each of the original protestors was notified of their right to file an appeal of my response to their protest with the Interior Board of Land Appeals. Appeals have been filed on 9 intensive inventory unit decisions. Accordingly, the wilderness inventory decision for each unit is stayed while it is under appeal. The interim management requirements of Section 603(c) of FLPMA (Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976) remains in effect on each of these units while they are under appeal. The following final intensive wilderness inventory decisions are under appeal:

BAKERSFIELD DISTRICT: CA-010-040 (Freeborn/Hubbard), -060 (Paiute), -063 (Coyote Southeast), -065 (Black Canyon), and -068 (Wheeler Ridge).

UKIAH DISTRICT: CA-050-131 (Cahto Peak), -134 (Elkhorn Ridge), - 135 (Brush Mountain), and -211 (Big Butte).

Final decisions:

The remaining protested intensive inventory decisions were not amended or appealed. My original decisions, as published in the December 1979 report, are now final. The inventory units or parts thereof listed below with an asterisk (*), were identified as having wilderness values and have been designated as Wilderness Study Areas. These WSA's will continue to be managed under the requirements of Section 603-C of FLPMA. The following protested intensive inventory decisions are now final:

BAKERSFIELD DISTRICT: CA-010-022* (Sheep Ridge), -023* (Milk Ranch/Case Mountain), -027* (Sacatar Meadows), -028 (Bear Mountain), -029* (Rockhouse), -045* (Kelso Creek Valley), -055* (Cerro Gordo), -056* (Southern Inyo), -057* (Independence Creek), -058* (Wonoga Peak), -059* (Tinemaha), -062* (Crater Mountain), -080* (Fish Slough), -081* (Volcanic Tableland), -082* (Casa Diablo), -083 (Owens River Gorge), -084 (Petroglyphs), -088* (Excelsior), -091B (Paoha Island), -104 (Long), -106 (Coleville), and 110 (Mt. Olsen).

SUSANVILLE DISTRICT: CA-020-003 (Fitzhugh), -004 (Likely Tableland), -005 (East Field), -006 (Infernal Caverns), -102 (Beaver Creek), -209 (South Ash Valley), -210 (Nelson Corral), -212 (Moon Lake), -303 (Fredonyer), -307 (Pacific West), -308 (Snowstorm), -309 (Karlo Tableland), -310 (Shaffer Mountain), -313 (Hagata), -313A (Barron), -402 (Doyle-Plumas), -604 (Buckhorn) -605 (Observation), -605B (Spanish Springs), -606 (Big Springs), -611 (Little Mud Flat), -613 (Flanigan), -614 (Dry Valley), -619B (Parsnip Creek), -619C (Salt Works), -703 (S.O.B. Lake), -705 (Tuledad), -706 (Silver Creek), -904 (Surprise Valley), -905 (Sand Creek), -910 (Hanging Rock Canyon), -911A (Stevens Camp), -913A* (Yellow Rock Canyon), -913B* (High Rock Canyon), -915 (Wall) -916 (Wildcat Gorge), -1006 (Crooks Lake), -1007 (Lieberman Canyon), -1008 (Little Coleman Canyon), and -1009 (Calcutta).

FOLSOM DISTRICT: CA-040-202 (Ferguson Ridge RARE II Contiguous), -203* (Merced River), and -207 (Stanislaus River).

UKIAH DISTRICT: CA-050-213 (Brushy Mountain), -214* (Eden Valley - Middle Fork Eel River), -312 (Lodoga Peak), -316 (Hough Ridge), -318 (Blue Ridge), -319 (Knoxville), and -332 (Rocky Ridge).

RIVERSIDE DISTRICT: CA-060-020D (Beauty Mountain D), and -020E (Beauty Mountain E).

Initial Inventory - Status:

As announced in my December 1979 report and March 31, 1980 letter, the following 12 initial wilderness inventory units have been formally appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals:

CA-010-031, 033, 047, 069, 087, 101
CA-020-701, 901, 1001
CA-030-300, 400, and 500.

As of the time of preparation of this letter, these units were still under appeal and they remain under the interim management restrictions of Section 603-C of FLPMA.

General Information:

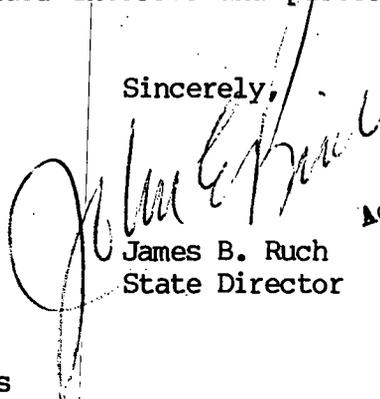
For your information a BLM wilderness review status report and calendar of events is being published monthly in the Federal Register by our Washington Office. The first calendar was published on February 13, 1980, with subsequent calendars appearing about the middle of each month. This calendar summarizes key current information on the Bureau's Wilderness program nationwide. Copies of the Federal Register are usually available in major libraries.

The study phase of the Bureau of Land Management's Wilderness Review Program was discussed on pages 12 and 13 of our report, "Final Intensive Inventory, Public Lands administered by BLM outside the California Desert Conservation Area - Wilderness," December 1979. Wilderness values, identified through our inventory process, will be one factor in developing management plans through the Bureau's land use planning system. Each District maintains a planning mailing list, and individuals interested in the land use plans for specific areas should contact the appropriate District Office. All Bureau lands are studied under our land use planning system including those found not to qualify as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's).

The BLM NEWSBEAT, published by the California State Office, will be used to provide ongoing information on our wilderness study and reporting schedules to the public. This general information newsletter, on various BLM (California) management activities, is published monthly. To receive this newsletter write to NEWSBEAT at the address given in the letterhead, there is no charge. Please be sure to include your complete address including zip code.

Thank you again for your continued interest and participation in California's wilderness review program.

Sincerely,



Acting

James B. Ruch
State Director

Enclosure:
Wilderness Inventory Amendments
SF 1842-1

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION ON TAKING APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF LAND APPEALS

DO NOT APPEAL UNLESS

1. This decision is adverse to you,
AND
2. You believe it is incorrect

IF YOU APPEAL, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED

1. NOTICE OF APPEAL Within 30 days file a *Notice of Appeal* in the office which issued this decision (see Sec. 4.411). You may state your reasons for appealing, if you desire.

2. WHERE TO FILE
NOTICE OF APPEAL STATE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
2800 COTTAGE WAY, RM E-2841
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95825

3. STATEMENT OF REASONS Within 30 days after filing the *Notice of Appeal*, file a complete statement of the reasons why you are appealing. This *must* be filed with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Board of Land Appeals, 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22203 (see Sec. 4.412). If you fully stated your reasons for appealing when filing the *Notice of Appeal*, no additional statement is necessary.

4. ADVERSE PARTIES Within 15 days after each document is filed, each adverse party named in the decision *must* be served with a copy of (a) the *Notice of Appeal*, (b) the statement of reasons, and (c) any other documents filed (see Sec. 4.413).

5. PROOF OF SERVICE Within 15 days after any document is served on an adverse party, file proof of that service with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Board of Land Appeals, 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22203. This may consist of a certified or registered mail "Return Receipt Card" signed by the adverse party (see Sec. 4.401(c)(2)).

Unless these procedures are followed your appeal will be subject to dismissal (see Sec. 4.402). Be certain that all communications are identified by serial number of the case being appealed.

NOTE: A document is not filed until it is actually received in the proper office (see Sec. 4.401(a))

SUBPART 1821.2--OFFICE HOURS; TIME AND PLACE FOR FILING

Sec. 1821.2-1 *Office hours of State Offices.* (a) State Offices and the Washington Office of the Bureau of Land Management are open to the public for the filing of documents and inspection of records during the hours specified in this paragraph on Monday through Friday of each week, with the exception of those days where the office may be closed because of a national holiday or Presidential or other administrative order. The hours during which the State Offices and the Washington Office are open to the public for the filing of documents and inspection of records are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., standard time or daylight saving time, whichever is in effect at the city in which each office is located.

Sec. 1821.2-2(d) Any document required or permitted to be filed under the regulations of this chapter, which is received in the State Office or the Washington Office, either in the mail or by personal delivery when the office is not open to the public shall be deemed to be filed as of the day and hour the office next opens to the public.

(e) Any document required by law, regulation, or decision to be filed within a stated period, the last day of which falls on a day the State Office or the Washington Office is officially closed, shall be deemed to be timely filed if it is received in the appropriate office on the next day the office is open to the public.

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Amendments and Clarification to the
Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory,
Public Lands Administered by BLM
California Outside the California
Desert Conservation Area

August 1980.

California State Office
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Amendments and Clarification to the
Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory,
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August 1980

This report contains the amended wilderness inventory findings on specific public land inventory units administered by the California State Office of BLM. The revised narrative summaries and maps should be used to update our Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory report which was dated December 1979.

Summary Table:
Amendments to Final Intensive Wilderness
Inventory Findings

Unit Number	Acres		Total Public Land Acres
	Public Land		
	in WSA (by State)	Acres Non-WSA	
	CA	NV	
CA-010-064	7,700		10,480
CA-010-075	1,260		42,200
CA-010-088	MAP CLARIFICATION ONLY		
CA-020-211	16,950		16,950
CA-020-609	45,800	1,360	47,160
CA-020-1013		110,000	110,000
CA-030-402	4,623		6,651
CA-030-501	640		640
CA-030-504	68		68
CA-060-026	958		5,553
		4,595	

Revised Narrative Summaries and Maps

The map numbers in the narrative headings refer to the maps which were published as part of our December 1979 report. They are provided for your easy reference to the original maps. An amended map for each unit follows the narratives.

CA-010-064 Symmes Creek
(Map 01-P)

I. Physical Boundaries

The inventory unit is located south of Independence and is bounded to the north by an improved road along Independence Creek, to the south by the maintained Shepherd Creek Road, to the east by nonpublic land, and to the west by Inyo National Forest and a short segment of a maintained dirt road in the southwest corner of the unit. The unit borders Forest Service land that was not inventoried for wilderness potential.

II. Land Ownership

The Wilderness Study Area totals 7,700 acres of public land. A total of 2,780 acres was removed from the inventory unit due to lack of wilderness values.

III. Description of Environment

The landform generally consists of a broad, gently sloping, rocky alluvial fan dissected by two creeks. Vegetation displays the transition between the salt brush-bur-sage dominated valley floor, through the spiny hopsage-ephedra association, to the big sage-bitterbrush dominated upper slopes.

IV. Natural Condition

Several man-made imprints were excluded from the unit. The Symmes Creek Campground and access road in Secs. 25 and 35, T. 13S., R. 34E., M.D.M. and Sec. 30, T. 13S., R. 35E., M.D.M. were eliminated. This access road is improved and maintained and severs the northern portion of the unit. This severed portion totals 1560 acres and adjoins a small tract of uninventoried Forest Service land. The combination of this public land portion and Forest Service land totals less than 5,000 acres and is not of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. It has, therefore, been eliminated from further wilderness review. This severed portion also contains a road to a flow measuring station along the northern border. A portion of the southeast corner of the inventory unit was also removed due to the existence of a reservoir, short cement-lined canals, a gauging station and an access road. In addition, a drainage diversion access road in the southwest corner was also removed. A few primitive vehicle routes in the vicinity of Symmes Creek are substantially unnoticeable due to some terrain variation and the insignificance of the routes in relation to the entire area. The remainder of the unit has retained its natural character.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

The area provides outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. The unintruded portions of this area allows visitors to experience uncluttered spaciousness as well as freedom of unconfined movement.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

The majority of comments concurred with Bureau findings. One comment addressed potential mineral values and the influence of sights and sounds outside the inventory unit. Potential mineral values will be assessed during the Study Phase under the Bureau Planning Process. The influence of sights and sounds outside the unit are not wilderness inventory criteria. One comment noted the existence of spreading and flood control channels and associated service roads as well as other related water facilities. Nonconforming improvements have been excluded from the Wilderness Study Area where found. Because of the lack of recent maintenance or use, some of the developments stated in the comment had little or no impact on the overall naturalness of the unit. The area's potential for groundwater recharge facilities will be considered during the Study Phase.

CA-010-075 White Mountain
(Map 01-0)

I. Physical Boundaries

The inventory unit lies north of Bishop along much of the western edge of the White Mountains RARE II Area which has been slated by the Inyo National Forest for further planning. Other boundaries include non-public lands and Highway 6 to the west and north and Silver Creek Road, just east of Laws, to the south. The unit totals 42,200 acres in size.

II. Land Ownership

The unit consists primarily of public lands with several, small, non-public inholdings scattered throughout. The areas designated as a Wilderness Study Area total 1,260 acres of public land.

III. Description of Environment

The entire unit is situated on a long bajada which gently slopes westward from the base of the White Mountains to the agricultural lands in the Benton, Hammil, and Chalfant Valleys. Terrain varies little along this slope, except for the slight rises of each individual alluvial fan. Vegetative variety is lacking, and the cover, which consists mostly of small, Great Basin type shrubs, is relatively sparse throughout the area. Occasionally, an intermittent creek transects the bajada.

IV. Natural Condition

The imprint of man's work is substantially noticeable throughout this linear unit. Most noticeable of the man-made features within the area are the numerous improved roads and primitive vehicle routes which traverse every alluvial fan and lead to the mouths of the canyons at the White Mountains. As many as three separate roads approach each canyon from various directions. These roads are primarily used by the ranchers and farmers in the valleys for development of water sources and the maintenance of water pipelines. Most of the roads end at the mountain/bajada interface. The steep, rugged mountain face precludes most opportunities for development. Other man-made encroachments in the unit include the water pipelines themselves and other ranching and agricultural developments, some within the private inholdings. Even a small-scale power plant is located within the unit just northeast of Hammil. Due to the lack of terrain and vegetative screening, there are very few locations within the unit from which the imprint of man's work cannot be seen. However, the unintruded, natural portions of public land which adjoin RARE II areas have been recommended as a Wilderness Study Area. These are shown on the amended map.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

Opportunities for both solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation would be extremely limited in most of the unit due to the many encroachments located throughout the bajada which tend to confine the visitor and reduce opportunities for a quality primitive experience. Lack of terrain and vegetative variety allows the man-made features to stand out as well as providing little screening between users of the area.

Although the area adjoins the RARE II lands slated for further planning, its heavily intruded nature precludes further wilderness consideration in most of the unit. The artificial Forest Service/ Bureau of Land Management boundary along the east side of this unit coincides in almost all cases with the natural boundary of the heavily intruded bajadas and the pristine White Mountain escarpment. The gently sloping topography presented few obstacles to development, while the public land portions as well as the adjacent RARE II lands, which occupy the steep, largely inaccessible slopes of the White Mountains, have sustained relatively little encroachment. These unintruded public land portions contain limited opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation due to their size, configuration and lack of screening. However, in association with adjacent RARE II lands, these opportunities could become outstanding due to increased size and configuration as well as enhanced vegetative and topographic screening.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

The majority of the comments supported the Bureau findings, indicating the various roads, pipelines, and other man-made developments scattered throughout the area. Several comments stated that since the unit adjoins RARE II lands, those small portions adjacent to the Forest Service boundary that may not have been disturbed by man-made developments should be carried into the Study Phase as WSA's. The pervasive influence of widespread man-made developments, especially in an area with this unit's particular set of environmental characteristics (i.e., sparse, low growing vegetation and a general lack of terrain variability), has affected most of the area to the point that it does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. However, a subsequent review of the area indicated that the steep mountain portions of the unit have retained their natural condition and may contain outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation when considered in association with adjacent RARE II lands. These mountainous portions of public land which adjoin RARE II lands have been designated as a WSA.

CA-010-088 Excelsior
(Maps 01-M and 01-0)

Map Clarification Only

The Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map (published December 1979) did not show the existence of a powerline and service road in Sec. 4 and 9, T. 3N., R. 28E., M.D.M. (Map 01-M). The existence of this facility was addressed in the Final Intensive Wilderness Inventory narrative (published December 1979), but was left off of the published map. This facility is reflected on the revised map. Since this is only a map clarification, appeals are not acceptable for this unit.

CA-020-211 Tule Mountain
(Map 02-D)

I. Physical Boundaries

This unit lies entirely in California, about 15 miles south and a little east of Alturas. The boundaries include the Southern Pacific Railroad on the west and northwest, the Tule Mountain Access Road on the east and northeast, with the northern Moon Lake Access Road forming the southern boundary.

II. Land Ownership

The 16,950 acres of contiguous public land encloses four scattered non-public tracts totalling 880 acres.

III. Description of Environment

Elevation within the unit ranges from 4,900 feet in the north and east to 7,100 feet on the Tule Mountain Summit. Tule Mountain, a broad, conical mountain with three small prominent peaks is the unit's prominent landmark. The terrain slopes gradually downward to the east and west, threaded with drainages cut by intermittent streams. Sagebrush-juniper communities dominate the unit with ponderosa pine and mountain mahogany found within various draws. The eastern half of the unit has very heavy juniper cover.

IV. Natural Condition

Although the two roads dead ending in the unit's core are visible from many points, on the whole, man's influence has not significantly degraded the natural integrity of the area. A few miles of ways and fenceline, and an occasional reservoir are evident but the topography and vegetation absorbs their impacts well.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

The predominant natural character of the unit, topographic variation including peaks and numerous drainages, as well as moderate to heavy juniper cover provide excellent opportunities for a visitor to experience solitude within the Tule Mountain unit.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

A large number of comments were received, some supporting and others conflicting with the Bureau's finding. Some comments questioned our road determination, however, further field examinations supported our original determinations. Other comments mentioned factors that are not relevant to the assessment of wilderness characteristics including road closures, range facility needs and remoteness from population centers. Information received in protests address factors that supported the unit as meeting WSA criteria. Further field examinations verified that the unit did have sufficient topographic and vegetative features to offer outstanding opportunities for solitude. The unit is now identified as a WSA.

CA-020-609 Five Springs
(Map 02-J)

I. Physical Boundaries

This unit is located primarily in California although a small part is in Nevada. It is about 28 miles east and a little north of Susanville. The Smoke Creek Ranch Road forms most of the southern boundary with a portion of the southeastern boundary delineated by a service road for an underground telephone cable. An access road along the base of Five Springs Mountain constitutes the southwestern boundary, the Shinn Ranch Road forms the northwestern boundary and an access road along the base of Cherry Mountain, roughly parallel to Smoke Creek is the northeast boundary while private land forms the eastern boundary.

II. Land Ownership

The unit contains approximately 47,160 acres of contiguous public land surrounding nine scattered non-public inholdings totalling 1,880 acres.

III. Description of Environment

Five Spring Mountains, Cherry Mountain and Rush Creek Mountains form gently sloping to moderately steep slopes with well defined drainages and numerous basalt outcrops, talus slopes and some rocky cliffs. The elevation ranges from about 4,500 feet on the western edge of the unit to 6,291 feet at the summit of Cherry Mountain. Rush Creek and Stony Creek are perennial streams originating in and flowing out of the unit. Ephemeral streams carry water at times while numerous springs provide additional water sources. Vegetation consists mainly of sage-grass communities with small areas of riparian and native meadow vegetation along Stony Creek and Rush Creek and around springs.

IV. Natural Condition

Some cherrystem roads, ways, reservoirs and fences have low to moderate impact on the natural character of small areas along the periphery of the unit. However, most of the unit has no intrusions and retains its natural integrity.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

The unit's varied topographic features and large size provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. The rocky bluffs and canyons interconnected with the three mountain ranges provide numerous physical barriers that would keep users separated from contact with other visitors. The size of the area, freedom of movement and topographic diversity also offer good opportunities for various types of primitive and unconfined recreation such as hiking, horseback riding, rockhounding, exploring, wildlife observation and study, and antelope, deer, and game bird hunting.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

Comments both supported and conflicted with the inventory findings. Road determinations were questioned and appropriate changes made as a result of the information. WSA criteria was supported on a number of non-related factors - lack of visitation, remoteness, closeness to other WSAs, archaeological and scenic values, and wilderness complexes. Proposed pipelines were addressed. Protest letters supported the unit as meeting WSA criteria based upon its large size and topographic diversity. After further field examinations we are in agreement the unit offers outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive types of recreation. The unit is now identified as a WSA.

CA-020-1013 Massacre Rim
(Maps 02-F and 02-G)

I. Physical Boundaries

This unit is located south and west of the Sheldon Antelope Refuge and is entirely in Nevada. The area is bounded on the east by Bitner Ranch Road and Highway 8A, on the west by Highway 34 and a natural surface road, on the north by the Bald Mountain Canyon Road and on the south by Highway 34 and private property.

II. Land Ownership

The unit contains approximately 110,000 acres of contiguous public land enclosing 19 non-public inholdings totalling about 2,000 acres.

III. Description of Environment

Elevation within the unit ranges from 5,500 feet to 6,800 feet. The landscape consists of large flats with scattered dry lake beds and rolling hills. An impressive rimrock wall about 12 miles long parallels the northwest boundary. Vegetation consists mainly of sagebrush and low desert shrubs and grasses as well as scattered juniper.

IV. Natural Condition

The west half of the unit is impacted by numerous ways, fences and water storage structures. However, most of these impacts could reasonably be returned to a somewhat natural condition via hand labor. Most of the eastern half, however, has retained its natural character with only a few low impact intrusions along the periphery. The area is assessed as being mostly natural in character.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

Although the unit lacks significant topographic and vegetative diversity, its large size offers outstanding opportunities for solitude. The western portion offers steeper terrain with a few drainages and scattered junipers which provide screening and opportunities to experience a sense of solitude. Although opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation are not exceptional, opportunities nonetheless exist for hiking, horseback riding, rockhounding, exploring, wildlife observation, and antelope/game bird hunting.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

Comments addressed existing and proposed transmission lines and their impact on wilderness characteristics and the unit's boundaries. Others supported the area as part of a wilderness complex which is not an inventory consideration. Private land and access needs were also discussed in comments along with information supporting our evaluation that the unit did not provide opportunities for primitive recreation. Based upon information received in protests, we are in agreement that a 110,000 acre unit would provide outstanding opportunities for solitude even without significant vegetative or topographic features. The unit meets the criteria and is designated as a WSA.

CA-030-402 Tunnel Ridge
(Map 03-C)

I. Physical Boundaries

The Tunnel Ridge Intensive Inventory Unit has been examined and a Wilderness Study Area boundary determined. The total area of the Intensive Inventory Unit is 6,651 acres and the area of the WSA is 4,623 acres. The east, north and northeast boundary of the WSA is the line between National Forest and BLM administered lands. The west boundary of the WSA is the Canyon Creek Road. The south boundary of the unit is formed by the road along the north side of Clear Gulch. Two intrusions are present within the above defined boundary and are not included in the WSA. These are the Little Bolly Road which runs from the Clear Gulch Road generally north to Little Bolly Peak and the timber sale road network and activity along Conrad Gulch.

II. Land Ownership

The entire area encompassed by the WSA boundary consists of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The above described northwest, north and west boundary is adjacent to National Forest lands. These National Forest lands have been classified as further planning in the RARE II process.

III. Description of Environment

The Tunnel Ridge WSA is located on the middle portion of the west slope of Weaver Bolly Mountain. Soils are volcanic in origin and are deep, well developed, and relatively fertile. North exposures, drainage bottoms and moist sites support sawtimber size stands of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine.

The drier slopes are covered with dense stands of mountain brush including sagebrush, manzanita, and buckbrush.

Slopes are very steep and access is available only by foot. The headwaters of Rarick Gulch and West Branch are located within the unit.

The intrusions of a complex road network on the south end of the Intensive Inventory unit and in Conrad Gulch are not visible from within that part of the unit lying east of Tunnel Ridge.

IV. Natural Condition

The WSA is natural in physical characteristics. The general area shows heavy mining activity and as a result has lost much of its natural characteristics. A complex road network south of Clear Gulch impairs the natural characteristics of that part of the Intensive Inventory unit. These unnatural areas have been excluded from the WSA. Some minor prospecting activities have occurred within the WSA boundary but do not impair its natural characteristics. No other intrusions in the WSA have been observed and no known impairment of wilderness values is present.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

When the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation and solitude were assessed in association with the adjacent Forest Service RARE II area, they were considered to be outstanding. The steep, uneven topography provides an outstanding opportunity for solitude. Within the WSA boundary a visitor can also experience an outstanding primitive and unconfined recreation experience. Recreational activities available within the unit include hiking, backpacking, and camping. The presence of vegetative cover and water, and the variety of terrain provide opportunities for a wide range of experiences for the visitor.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

Comments and input on this unit were varied. Several comments described location of roads, mining activities, and ditches and stated that these adversely affected the natural characteristics of the area. Many comments expressed the opinion that the WSA boundary should be extended to include all land within the Intensive Inventory unit except the immediate area impacted by the roads and ditches. Many comments were received which were not relative to the inventory phase of the Wilderness Review. Some comments stated that the entire unit should be classified as a WSA since it is adjacent to a US Forest Service RARE II area. The field inventory of the Tunnel Ridge unit accurately located the above described roads and ditches, and confirmed previously determined roadless area boundaries.

CA-030-501 Yolla Bolly
(Map 03-C)

I. Physical Boundaries

The unit is bordered on the north and west by National Forest lands and on the east and south by private ownership. The unit is one section totalling approximately 640 acres.

II. Land Ownership

All of the area is administered by BLM. No inholdings of private land are present. The National Forest lands adjacent to the west side of the unit are a part of the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area.

III. Description of Environment

This unit is characterized by steep slopes and ridges formed by the drainages traversing the area from northwest to southwest. The aspect is generally south with the intermittent streams draining into Cottonwood Creek just south of the unit boundary. The dominant geographic feature of the immediate vicinity is Tomhead Mountain with an elevation of 6,757 feet. It is located approximately 2 miles to the north on National Forest land. The elevation ranges from 3,000 feet to 5,000 feet within the inventory unit. Vegetation consists of mountain chaparral and manzanita brush with scattered occurrences of digger pine and ponderosa pine.

IV. Natural Condition

This unit generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature rather than man. The exception is the fuelbreak constructed in 1976, during a wildfire. This fuelbreak is not presently maintained and will likely be covered by natural vegetation in a short time, probably within ten years. The unit has no other intrusions which would impair the suitability for wilderness designation. Access and terrain have restricted activities primarily to travel by foot or horseback. No active or abandoned mining operations are present.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

When the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation and solitude within the inventory unit were assessed, no prominent or distinguishing characteristics were found to be present. Therefore, when considered alone, the inventory unit does not provide outstanding opportunities. However, when considered in association with the contiguous Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area, opportunities within the combined areas are considered to be outstanding.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

Relatively few public comments were received on this unit. Some comments offered specific information on natural characteristics of the area. A few favored including the unit as a WSA on the basis that it is adjacent to an existing wilderness area and did not address inventory characteristics. Field checks of this unit revealed no new information and none was received as a result of the public review period. During the formal protest period following the publication of the Final Intensive Inventory decision three protests concerning this unit were received. As a result of these protests the unit was re-evaluated and designated as a WSA.

CA-030-504 Oroville Lake
(Map 03-C)

I. Physical Boundaries

This unit is bounded on the east and north by public lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service, on the south by a low flat ridge running generally southeast, and on the west by private land. A short portion of the east boundary is adjacent to private land on the south end of the unit. This parcel totals 68 acres.

II. Land Ownership

The entire area within the unit boundary is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The adjacent National Forest land has been classified as a further planning unit in the RARE II process.

III. Description of Environment

The east half of this unit consists of a steep slope located on the upper half of the canyon wall formed by the Middle Fork of Feather River. The west portion of the unit is flat providing ease of access from adjacent private lands. Aspect is generally east and no major topographic features exist within the unit due to its small size. The vegetation consists of scattered digger pine, low elevation brush, and grass species. The unit is essentially a rocky steep portion of Bald Rock Canyon, the dominant physiographic feature of the local area.

IV. Natural Condition

This unit has some natural characteristics within the delineated boundary. The terrain for the most part is very steep and therefore, has had little use that would impair natural conditions. Some ORV use has occurred in the west portion of the unit but does not adversely affect the natural characteristics.

V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

When the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation and solitude within the inventory unit were assessed, no prominent or distinguishing characteristics were found to be present. Therefore, when considered alone the inventory unit does not provide outstanding opportunities. However, when considered in association with the contiguous RARE II Further Planning unit, opportunities within the combined units are considered to be outstanding. Therefore, unit CA-030-504 is designated as a WSA to be further considered for wilderness recommendation.

VI. Summary of Public Comments

Few comments were received on this unit. Those received favored including this unit as a WSA solely on the basis of its association with the adjacent RARE II area classified "Further Planning" by the US Forest Service. Some comments regarding the natural characteristics of the unit were received.

The unit was originally dropped from further consideration as a WSA due to lack of outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation and solitude. No new information was received during the public comment period and there was no change in the proposed decision to eliminate the unit from the Wilderness Review process.

During the formal protest period following the publication of the Final Intensive Inventory decision two protests concerning this unit were received. As a result of these protests the unit was re-evaluated and designated as a WSA.

CA-060-026 Table Mountain
(Map 06-R)

I. Physical Boundaries

Interstate 8 defines the unit's southern boundary. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park forms the western and northern boundaries. A power line road and non-public lands comprise the eastern boundary.

II. Land Ownership

The entire area is composed of public land. The proposed Wilderness Study Area, which lies in the northern portion of the intensive inventory unit, contains 958 acres.

III. Description of Environment

Table Mountain and Gray Mountain are the dominant features in the unit. A majority of the unit is composed of sparse desert shrub vegetation. The topography is broken by several drainages with rolling hills and steep mountain slopes. The northern portion, containing the proposed Wilderness Study Area, is composed of low rolling mountains. The central portion of the unit supports intensive off-road vehicle use.

IV. Natural Condition

Numerous intrusions, including off-road vehicle trails and mining scars, are scattered throughout the central and eastern portions of the unit. The northern portion contains a small area (958 acres) extending north from the base of a rugged ridgeline which has received little mining and off-road vehicle use.

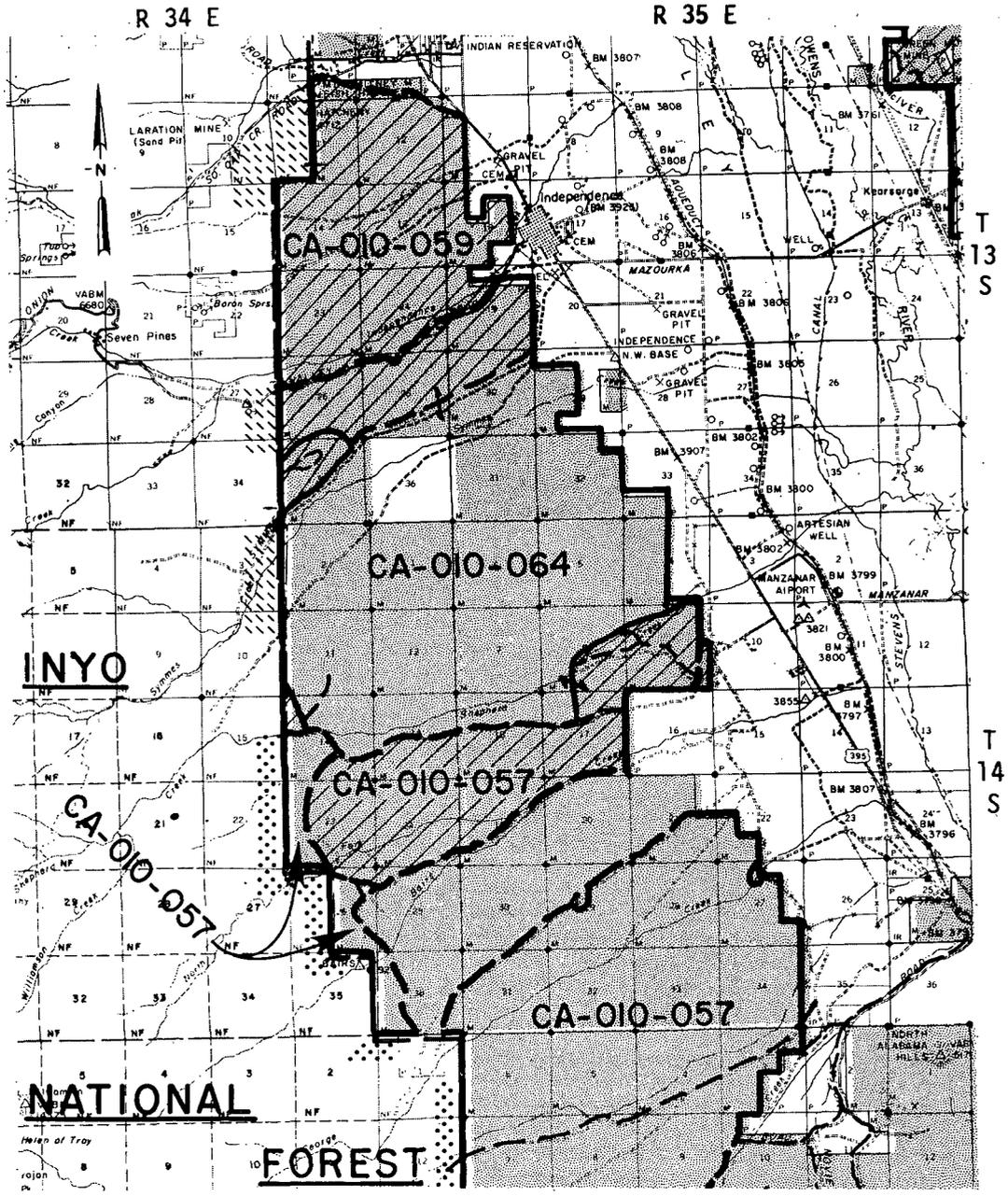
V. Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

The natural northern portion of this unit does provide opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation when viewed in conjunction with the State's proposed Jacumba Mountains Wilderness Area in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

IV. Summary of Public Comments

The public has expressed the following varied viewpoints. The area should be preserved to protect the bighorn sheep. Roads and mines are located within the unit. Rock-hounders should be able to drive into the unit.

Field examination did not disclose new roads in the unit. Instead, numerous vehicle ways have scarred the central section. Statements on land treatment and management are study phase considerations.



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Areas which had an intensive inventory analysis and which do not meet the criteria for identification as Wilderness Study Areas. (Dashed line denotes road.)



Areas which had an intensive inventory analysis and have been identified as a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). (Dashed line denotes road.)



Boundary of Wilderness Study Area with contiguous uninventoried roadless Federal lands managed by an agency with authority under the Wilderness Act.



Boundary of Wilderness Study Area with a proposed wilderness by another agency.

(Amended Study Area CA-010-064
from Final Intensive Inventory
Map 01-P)

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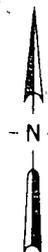


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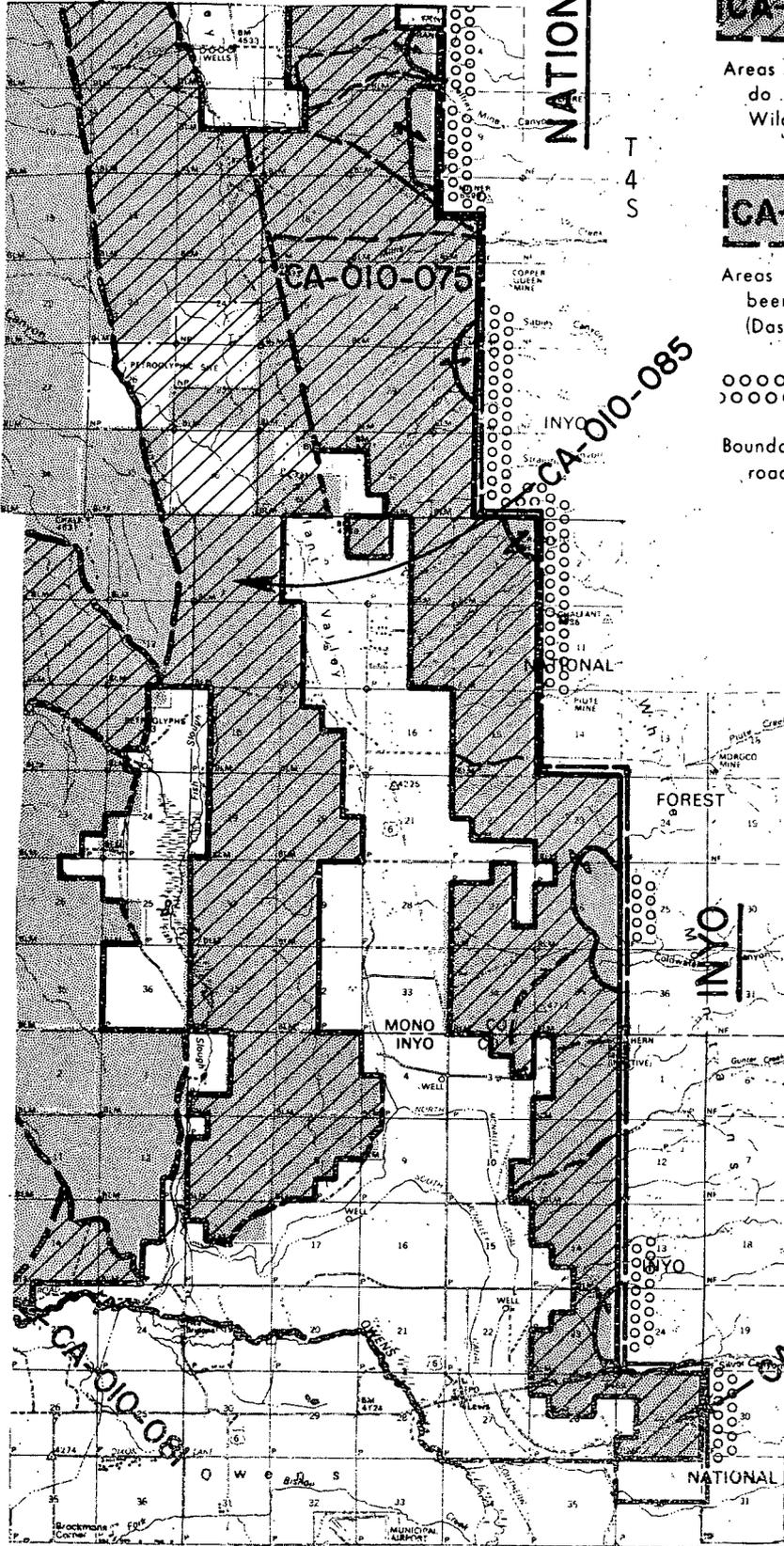
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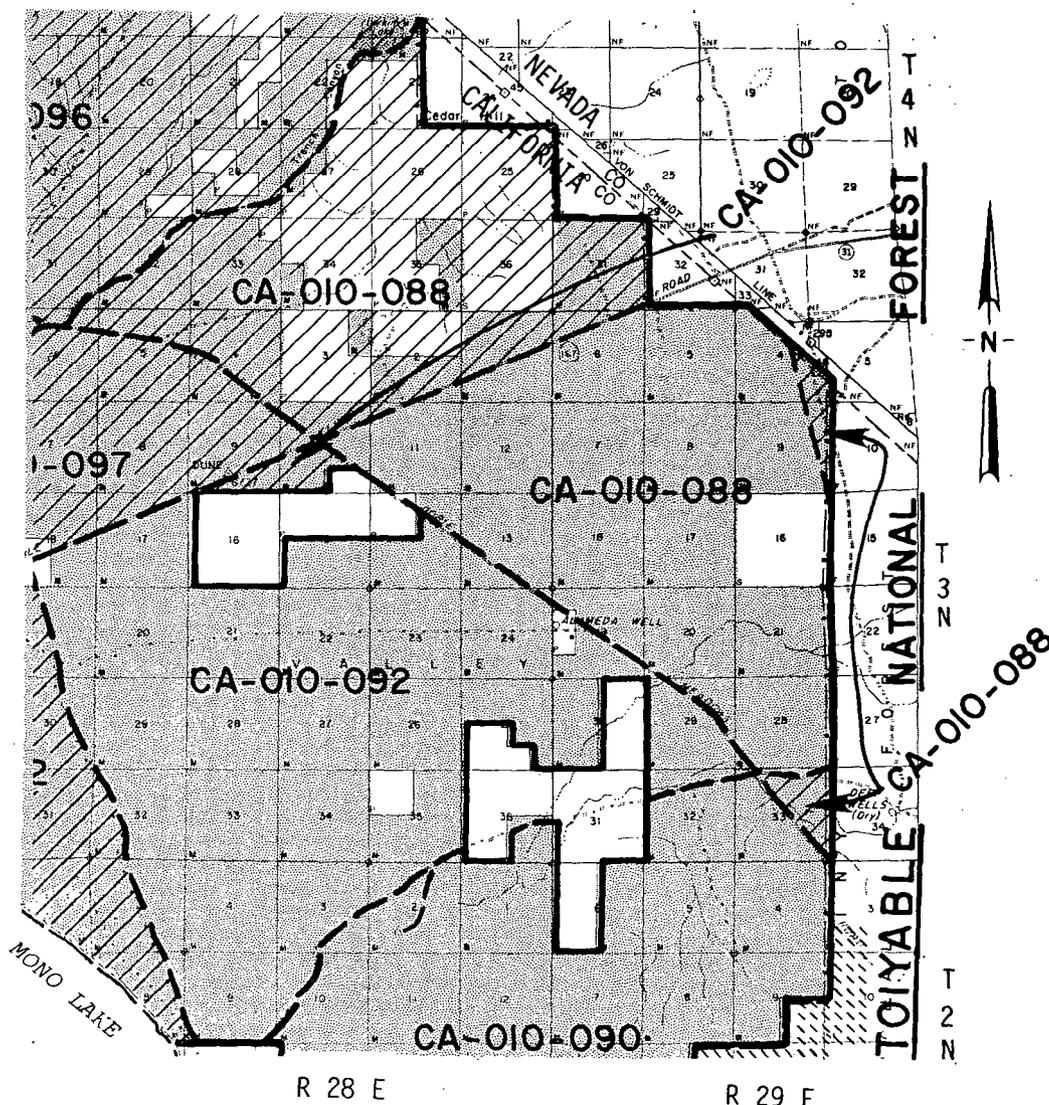


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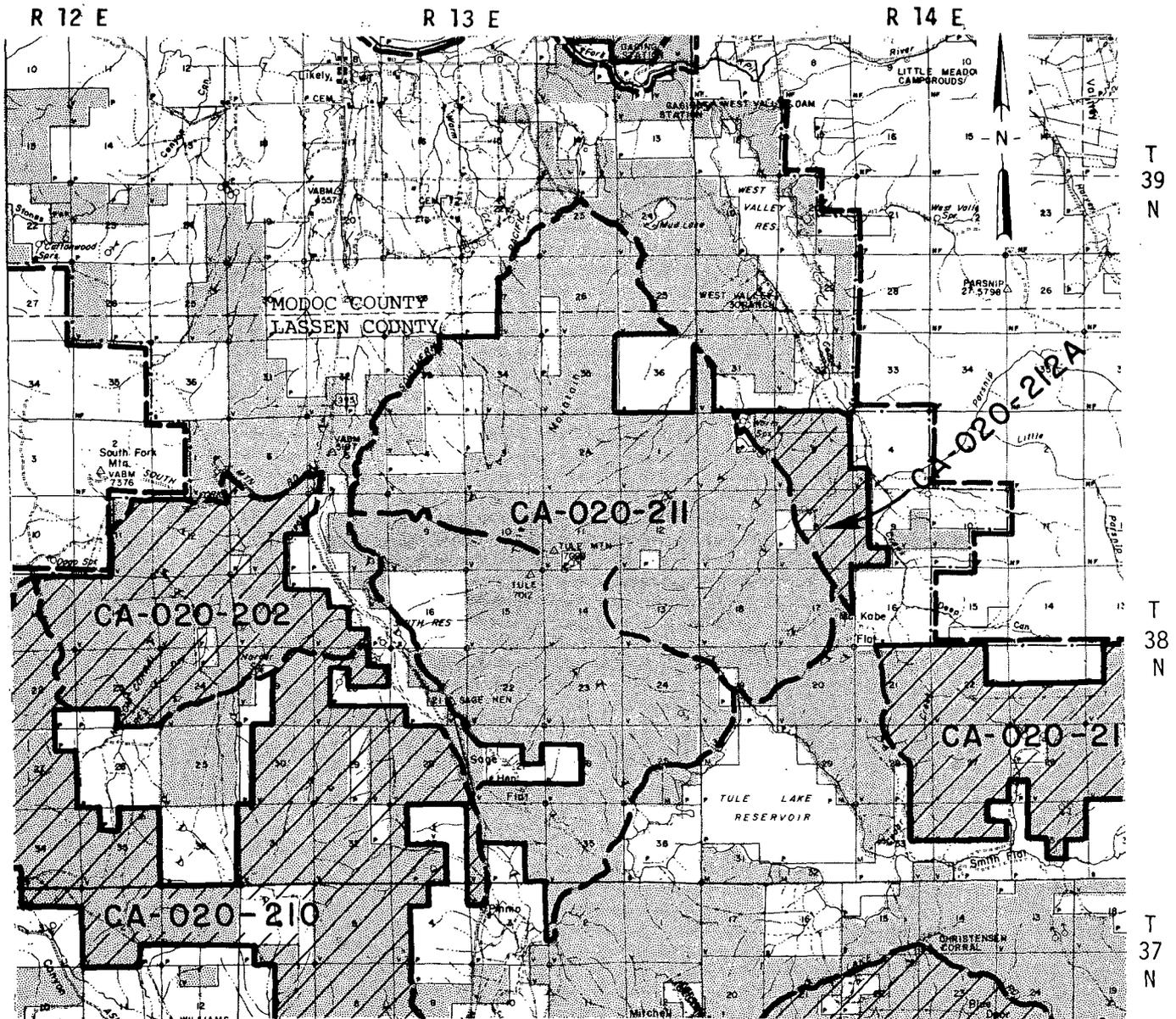
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(Clarification of Study Area CA-010-088 from Final Intensive Inventory Map 01-M)

**MAP CLARIFICATION
FINAL INTENSIVE WILDERNESS INVENTORY**

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(Amended Study Area CA-020-211
from Final Intensive Inventory
Map 02-D)

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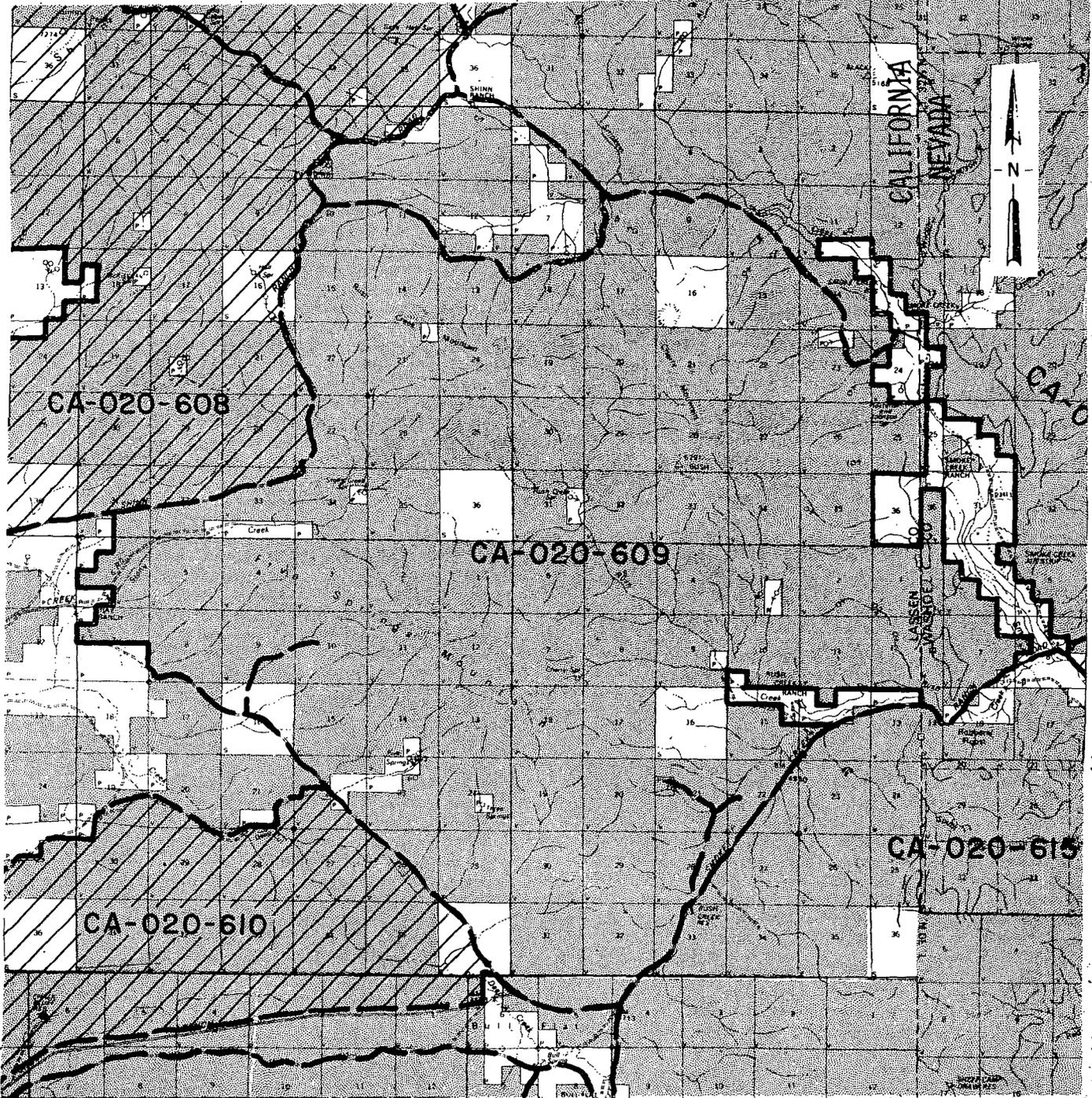
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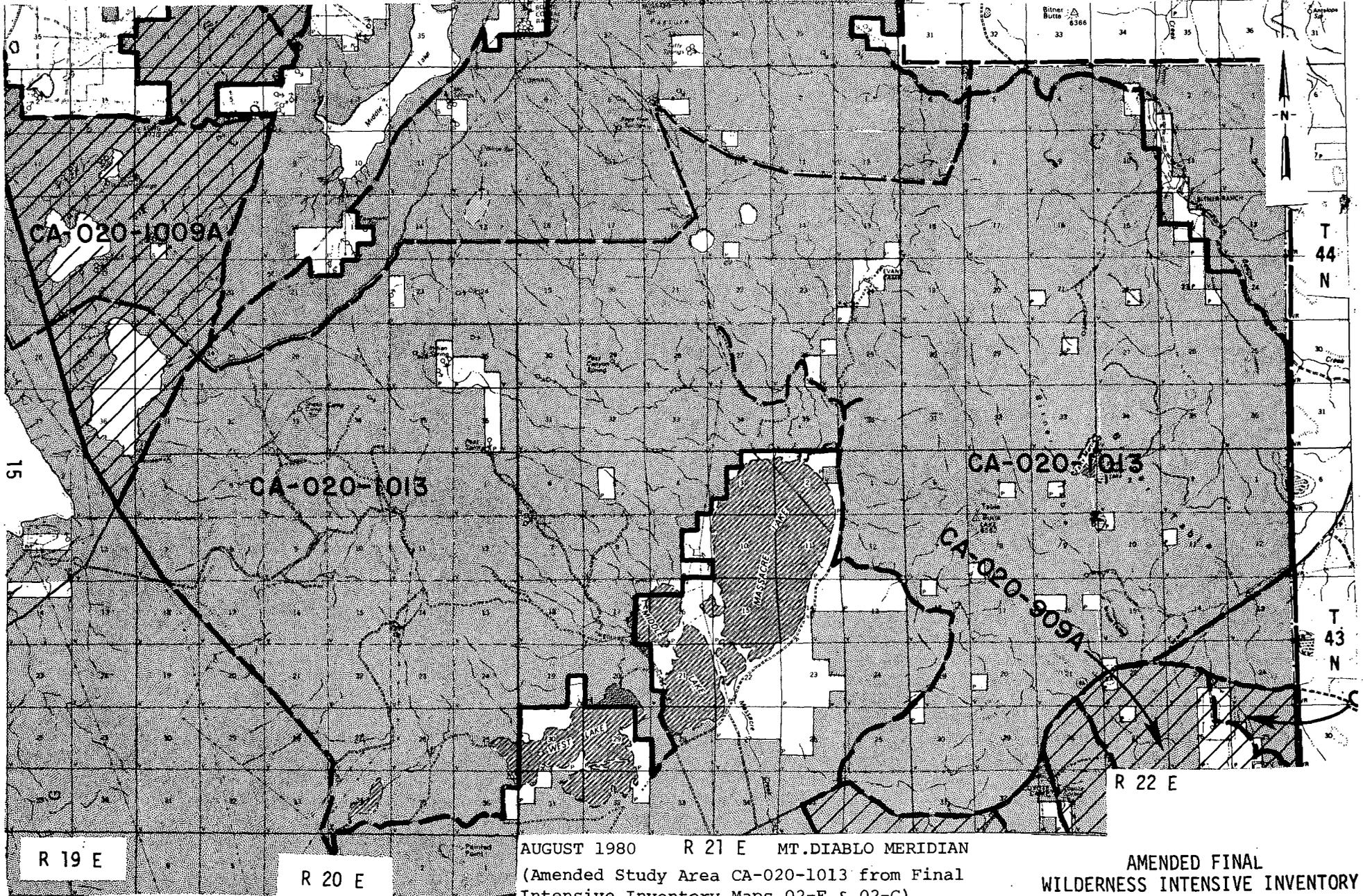
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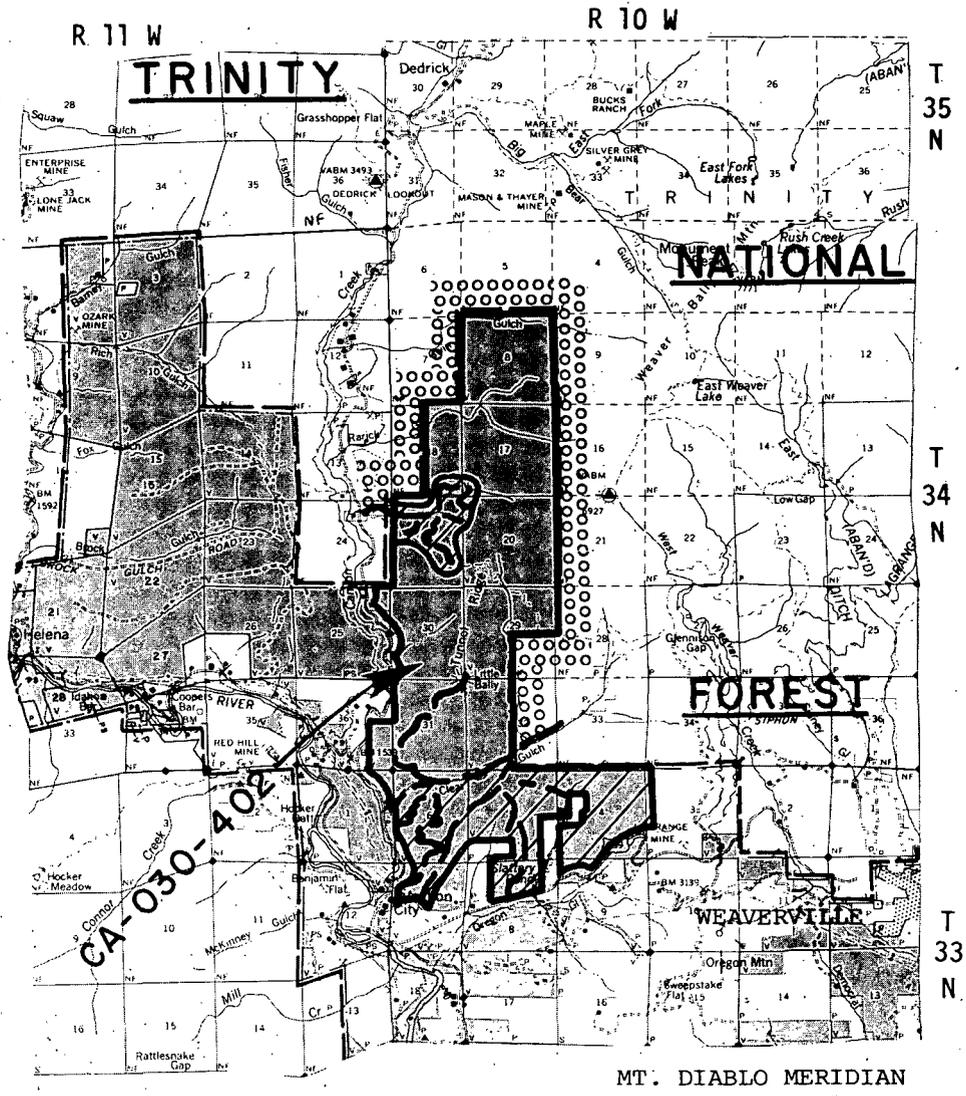
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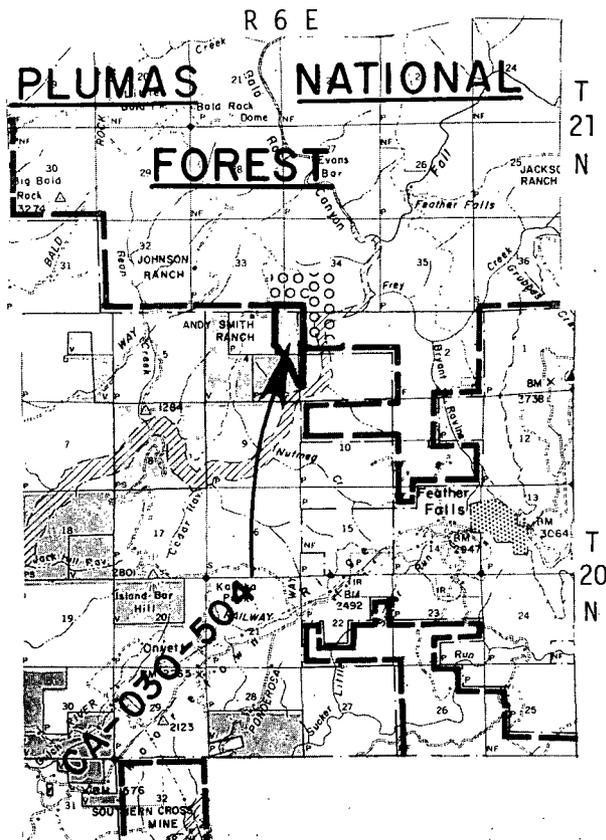
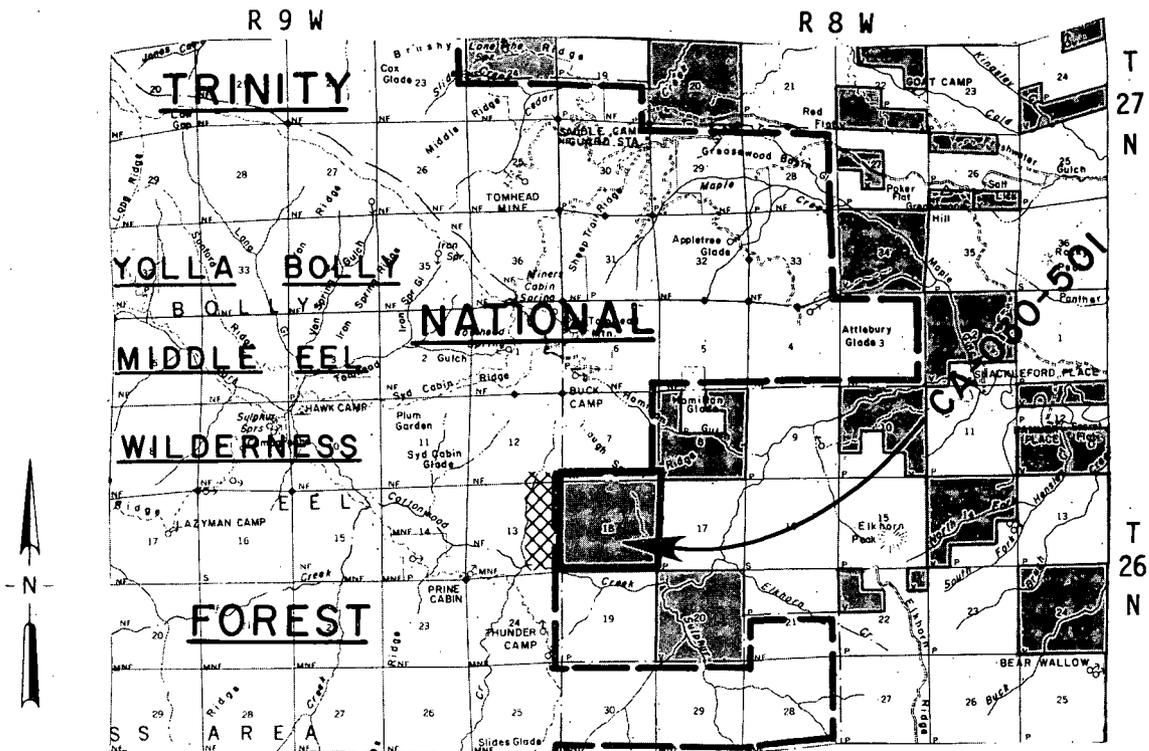


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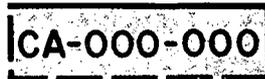
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Map 03-C)



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Boundary of Wilderness Study Area with an existing wilderness managed by another agency.

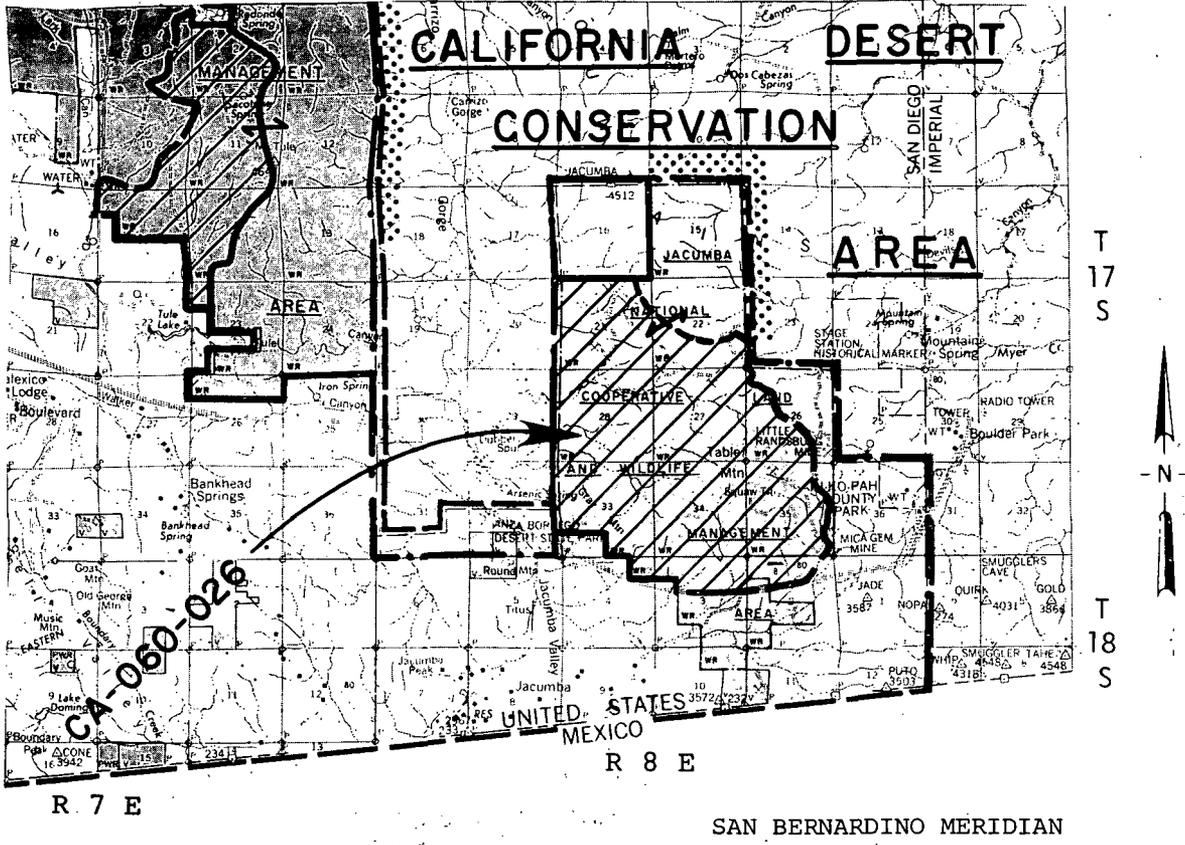


Boundary of Wilderness Study Area with a future planning roadless area identified by the U.S.F.S. in RARE II.

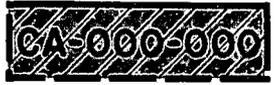
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(Amended Study Area CA-030-501 & CA-030-504 from Final Intensive Inventory Map 03-C)

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Boundary of Wilderness Study Area with a proposed wilderness by another agency.

(Amended Study Area CA-060-026 from Final Intensive Inventory Map 06-R)

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November 14, 1980

Dear Citizen:

This is the last in a series of the California State Office Final Intensive Inventory Reports on the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in California and Nevada. This report announces the final decision on 20 interstate inventory units which involve public lands administered by the Oregon-California and Nevada-California State Offices.

The proposed inventory decisions for these units were published as part of our March 31, 1980, report which initiated a 90 day public comment period. The Final Inventory Report for each of these units is attached.

An index map to these interstate inventory units is on page 3. For the location of these interstate units, in relationship to other BLM California inventory units, please refer to the maps with California's Final Intensive Inventory Report, December, 1979. Copies of this report are still available from the State Director (Wilderness), Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Rm. E-2841, Sacramento, California 95825; phone (916) 484-4636.

These final inventory determinations are effective in 30 days. For the purposes of this determination, each inventory unit is considered individually and separately from every other inventory unit. Should any amendment to these determinations be made as a result of new information received following this publication, that amendment will be formally published in the Federal Register and will become effective 30 days following such publication. This 30 day extension will apply only to the amendment and not to the original designations.

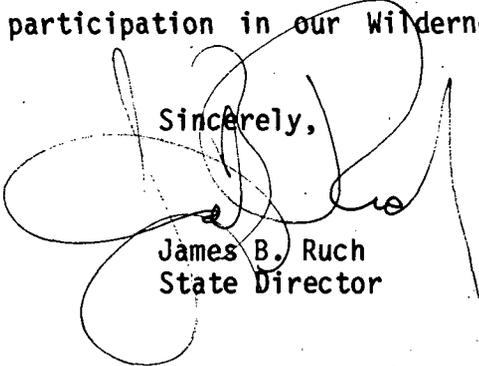
Persons wishing to protest any of the determinations of the intensive inventory units made herein shall have until December 15, 1980, to file a written protest. Protests should address specific inventory units, must include a clear and concise statement of reasons for the protest, and must furnish supporting data to the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. Protests must be received by the State Director on or before December 15, 1980, unless postmarked on or before that date. A written decision will be made on any protest so received.

Also included within this report is a summary of California's Wilderness findings to date as well as information on our current Wilderness Study Schedule.

The wilderness values, identified through our inventory process, will be considered in developing all management plans for the WSA's. The Bureau land use planning procedures utilize public involvement as an integral part of its process. Therefore, I encourage each of you to become directly involved in the planning efforts for those areas of interest to you.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our Wilderness Review Program.

Sincerely,



James B. Ruch
State Director

Enclosures:
As Stated

FINAL INVENTORY DECISIONS ANNOUNCED IN THIS REPORT

UNIT#	NAME	WSA	NON-WSA	TOTAL
CA-010-105/ NV-030-531	Slinkard	5,440 CA	-	5,440
CA-020-403/ NV-030-603	Fort Sage Mtn.	-	10,080 NV 12,910 CA	22,990
CA-020-618& 621/ NV-020-012	Poodle Mtn.	127,829 NV	9,331 NV	137,160
CA-020-816, 820,821/ NV-020-010	Crutcher	-	52,745 NV	52,745
CA-020-813 A&B/ NV-020-004	Hog Ranch Mtn.	-	9,980 NV	9,980
CA-020-822	Negro Creek	-	5,300 NV	5,300
CA-020-822 A&B,823/ NV-020-021	(no name)	-	5,230 NV	5,230
CA-020-823/ NV-020-009	Leadville		27,023 NV	27,023
CA-020-913/ NV-020-008	Little High Rock Cyn.	53,143 NV	1,430 NV	53,573
CA-020-914/ NV-020-006A	E. Fork High Rock Cyn.	53,920 NV	-	53,920
CA-020-914A NV-020-006	Warm Springs Cyn.	-	65,369 NV	65,369
CA-020-919/ NV-020-001	Ten Mile Springs	-	11,470 NV	11,470
CA-020-1004/ OR 1-164	Snuff/12 Mile Cr.	-	1,440 OR 3,060 CA 11,630 NV	16,130
CA-020-1005/ OR 1-156	Coleman Valley W. Coleman Ranch	-	10,000 OR 13,630 NV	23,005
CA-020-1010/ OR 1-126	Coleman Valley/ Macy Flat	-	23,640 OR 13,060 NV	36,700
TOTAL=		233,892 NV 5,440 CA	235,653 NV 35,080 OR 15,970 CA	526,035

November 14, 1980

CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS SUMMARY

California's Amended Wilderness Inventory Report released August 28, 1980 included final decisions on nine inventory units and announced a 30 day appeal period. The amended inventory decisions for five of these units; CA-010-064,075, CA-030-402,501, and CA-060-026; are now final. The amended decisions for inventory units; CA-020-211,609,1013 and CA-030-504 have been appealed and are now before the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

Summary of California's Wilderness Inventory findings to date:

Public Lands Subject to Wilderness
Inventory (administered by California State Office) 17,867,000 acres

Completed Inventory:*

A- Acres dropped due to lack of characteristics	9,980,265 acres
B- Acres identified as WSA's	4,466,615 acres
C- Acres under appeal: proposed to be dropped	1,003,421 acres
proposed as WSA's	2,416,699 acres

(Federal Register notices will continue to announce the decisions for these 51 units as appeals are resolved.)

*The Final Inventory Decisions announced in this report are included in the acreages in A&B as appropriate.

UNITS UNDER APPEAL (Acres listed as proposed)

CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA:

<u>UNIT#</u>	<u>WSA ACRES</u>	<u>NON-WSA ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
117	405,215	10,240	415,455
131	24,873	68,320	93,193
136	52,696	7,680	60,376
137A	8,532	5,760	14,292
143	46,529	19,200	65,729
150	109,701	3,840	113,541
156	113,901	2,560	116,461
158	36,023	960	36,983
172	7,040	9,600	16,640
217	53,219	7,040	60,259
221	87,831	4,480	92,311
222	255,058	65,280	320,338
227	14,107	13,440	27,547
242	106,641	3,200	109,841
263	51,057	4,480	55,537
264	13,300	1,220	14,520
265	35,583	16,640	52,223
266	36,239	4,480	40,719
271	37,758	10,880	48,638
299	100,826	13,440	114,266
305	135,827	238,720	374,547
321	50,538	60,800	111,338

<u>UNIT#</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>NON-WSA ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
325	239,878	227,200	467,078
334	49,723	28,160	77,883
343	15,655	12,800	28,455
348	126,057	38,400	164,457
376	-	25,600	25,600

SUB TOTAL: 2,213,807 Acres 904,420 Acres 3,118,227 Acres

OUTSIDE THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA

<u>UNIT#</u>	<u>WSA ACRES</u>	<u>NON-WSA ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
CA-010-031	-	2,760	2,760
033	-	3,660	3,660
040	-	7,192	7,192
047	-	27,500	27,500
060	7,600	5,160	12,260
063	3,211	1,060	4,271
065	6,518	2,180	8,698
068	3,197	-	3,197
069	-	7,400	7,400
087	-	3,400	3,400
101	-	440	400
CA-020-211	16,950	-	16,950
609	45,800	1,360	47,160
701	-	6,280	6,280
901	-	1,130	1,130
1001	-	1,320	1,320
1013	110,000	-	110,000
CA-030-300	-	4,165	4,165
400	-	7,123	7,123
500	-	5,760	5,760
504	68	-	68
CA-050-131	-	5,871	5,871
134	-	2,360	2,360
135	-	2,880	2,880
211	9,548	-	9,548
SUB TOTAL	202,892 Acres	99,001 Acres	301,893 Acres
STATEWIDE TOTAL	2,416,699 Acres	1,003,421 Acres	3,420,120 Acres

LAND USE PLANNING SCHEDULES

Wilderness studies are being considered during FY-81 as part of the following District Land Use Planning efforts.

Bakersfield District

Planning Units

South Sierra Foothills	FY-81/83	8 WSA's
Joint Forest Service Planning	FY-81/83	22 WSA's
Bodie/Coleville	FY-80/82	10 WSA's

Susanville District

None

Redding District

Redding	FY-81/83	6 WSA's
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Ukiah District

Big Butte/Joint Forest Service	FY-81/82	1 WSA
Clear Lake Resource Area (tentative)	FY-81/83	2 WSA's

California Desert District

East San Diego County	FY-78/81	5 WSA's
California Desert Plan	FY-81	137 WSA's

As identified in earlier wilderness reports, wilderness studies will be conducted by each District Office as part of their ongoing Land Use Planning Program. Individuals interested in participating in the planning efforts should notify the appropriate District Office.

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Final Decisions
Intensive Wilderness Inventory
Nevada - California Interstate Units
November 14, 1980

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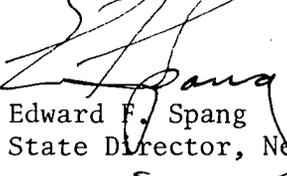
Enclosed is the final Intensive Wilderness Inventory summary report for Nevada-California interstate units. For the purpose of this report, an interstate unit is defined as a single roadless unit of public domain lands which crosses Bureau of Land Management, State Office administrative boundaries. These interstate units may or may not also cross State boundaries. In accordance with Bureau policy, the entire roadless area has been inventoried as a single unit and a joint wilderness inventory decision has been prepared by the California and Nevada State Directors.

A proposed decision for the California portion of each interstate unit was published in draft form on July 16, 1979, and was subjected to a 90-day comment period. The Nevada and California portions were then inventoried together and subjected to a second 90-day comment period beginning April 1 and concluding June 30, 1980. A draft summary report describing these interstate areas and the proposed decision for each was issued on April 1 for your review.

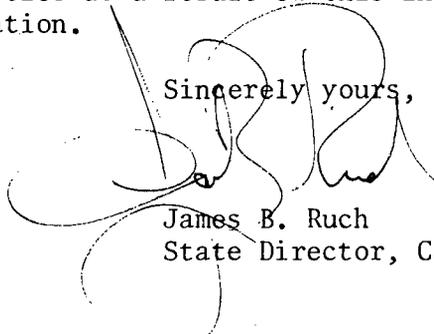
The final decision for each area is listed in this report, along with a summary of public comments received. A complete analysis of the inventory report for each area is available for review in the appropriate BLM office. These decisions will be implemented on December 15 after a 30-day waiting period has elapsed. Protests to any of these decisions may be filed with either the Nevada or California State Director during this period, but no later than December 15, 1980. Protests must be written and specify why the area does or does not have the wilderness characteristics of size, naturalness, and either outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation.

Those areas identified as wilderness study areas will undergo additional analysis before a recommendation will be made to Congress concerning whether or not each area should be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Those areas determined to lack wilderness characteristics as a result of this inventory are removed from further wilderness consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Edward F. Spang
State Director, Nevada

Sincerely yours,


James B. Ruch
State Director, California

UNIT NUMBER: CA-020-822

UNIT NAME: Negro Creek

Inventory Unit CA-020-822 (Negro Creek) was reported as an interstate inventory unit with a deferred decision in the California Final Intensive Inventory Report December, 1979. Based upon further road identification the interstate portion of the unit has been addressed as separate units, CA-020-822A and CA-020-822B. However, the remainder of the unit is submitted for public review and comment in order to stay any possible confusion caused by the changing status.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The inventory unit is located approximately 24 miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch Airport. It contains approximately 5,300 acres of contiguous public land enclosing no non-public land. Characteristic landscape ranges from low rolling hills with shallow drainages in the east to undulating ridges with steeper drainages in the west. Vegetation is comprised of low sagebrush with some juniper and mountain mahogany scattered in the higher elevations.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The roadless area contains approximately 5,300 acres of public land. The area varies in width from less than one mile to three miles and about three and one-half miles in length.
2. Naturalness: The area has retained its natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The areas small size, narrow shape and limited number of natural features individually and cumulatively negates outstanding opportunities for solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The area would not provide any exceptional opportunities for primitive recreation. The commonplace gentle topography lacking diversity and challenge in conjunction with the area's small size would not enhance one's pursuit for primitive recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: The area is thought to support a small population of antelope and deer.
5. Rehabilitation: The few short sections of "ways" in the area have good rehabilitation potential.

RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

5,300 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: The roadless area does not possess wilderness characteristics required for wilderness study. It is natural in character but does not provide outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The only comment received addressed the impacts the boundary roads would have on solitude. These roads are considered to be outside of the area and outside impacts are a Study Phase consideration.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-001/CA-020-9T9 UNIT NAME: Tenmile Spring

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in the northwestern corner of Nevada, about 13 miles northwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch-Airport. The unit is about two miles in length and nine miles in width. A number of dead-end roads deeply cut into the unit, creating an irregularly shaped area. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The roadless area contains 11,470 acres of public land. 1,620 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: Several small water structures, a developed spring, and a reservoir, along with a few miles of low profile fencelines are in the western half of the unit; however, they do not significantly impact the remaining area's natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for solitude are limited. The flat-to-low rolling sagebrush terrain characterizing the eastern half of the area would provide few opportunities for solitude. The few rocky knolls and small rock rims broken by an occasional extremely shallow intermittent drainage and widely scattered thin clumps of mountain mahogany in the western half would provide some opportunities for solitude, but the opportunities would be limited to a few small areas. Additionally, the unit's small size and irregular configuration further negates its capability to provide solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The rather featureless, non-challenging terrain would not provide exceptional opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Furthermore, the area's small size and configuration would restrict free movement.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value were noted in the unit.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

11,470 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received three specific comments on this unit. Two stated the area has outstanding recreation, outstanding solitude, and/or supplemental values. One listed other resource values.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

11,470 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-004/CA-020-813A&B UNIT NAME: Hog Ranch Mountain

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate inventory area is about 22 miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch-Airport. Prominent features in the mountainous landscape unit are Hog Ranch Mountain in the south and Hog Ranch Canyon in the north. Numerous knolls and drainages of varying widths and depths radiate from these features. Vegetation includes Great Basin shrubs and some patches of juniper, aspen, and mountain mahogany. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The small, narrow, elongated area totals about 9,980 acres of public land. The roadless area consists of 6,620 acres as 3,360 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: Numerous man-made structures exist in the small area. Many miles of ways, mining excavations, livestock watering facilities, and a fenceline significantly impact the unit's natural condition. The impacts are widespread.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Despite the presence of somewhat broken topography, outstanding opportunities for solitude do not exist. The unit's narrow configuration and small size seriously restrict the availability of solitude opportunities.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit's small size and narrow configuration negates opportunities for unconfined types of primitive recreation. Such primitive recreational activities as hiking, horseback riding, and camping would be limited to an extremely small, confined area.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value were noted in the unit.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

9,980 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received four specific comments on this unit. Some comments mentioned intrusions and no outstanding solitude or recreation. One noted the presence of solitude. One noted supplemental values and two listed other resource values.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

9,980 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-006/CA-020-914A UNIT NAME: Warm Springs Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate unit lies just northwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch. The unit covers a gentle rolling terrain which flattens out to form scattered small mesas with rock bluffs. Vegetation is sparse, consisting of low and big sagebrush with some scattered clumps of mountain mahogany along the unit's northern border. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit includes 65,369 acres of public land. Documented roads split the original unit into seven subunits of 21,841, 6,149, 22,550, 8,025, 2,116, 2,777, and 1,911 acres. Three of the subunits do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The four remaining subunits were found to be in a natural condition, with the evidence of past activities to be minimal.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for solitude within the remaining four subunits is limited. The subunits' terrain is characterized by gently rolling hills with small plateau-like knolls and small rock rims covered with low-lying sagebrush. Such terrain offers a marginal amount of screening and few isolated localities.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The subunits' undiverse topography is rather featureless and the terrain is not challenging. No significant points of interest or challenge exist. Such features do not provide outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.

4. Supplemental Values: Wildlife and possible archaeological values were identified.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

65,369 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received three specific comments on this unit. One noted naturalness and one noted solitude. One also noted supplemental values and another listed other resource values. Also received were 2,288 general comments stating the unit meets the wilderness criteria.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

65,369 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-006A/CA-020-914 UNIT NAME: East Fork High Rock Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in northwestern Nevada about six miles west of Soldier Meadows Ranch and Airport. It is about eight miles wide and 13 miles long. The area is rich in topographic features varying from rolling hills and small plateaus with minor canyons to deep, rugged canyons and rocky bluffs. Vegetation includes sparsely scattered juniper stands, willows in drainage bottoms, and low desert shrubs. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The roadless area contains about 53,920 acres of public land.
2. Naturalness: A variety of man-made features are widely scattered about the area. They include short bulldozed fencelines, one extending for eight miles, a few small low profile water structures (springs and reservoirs) located mostly along the unit's edge, and a few miles of ways. These unnatural features are well screened by topographic

features and widely scattered about the area. They do not have a significant impact on the area, leaving it in a substantially natural condition.

3. Outstanding Opportunities for:

A. Solitude: Opportunities for outstanding solitude abound in the extremely diverse landscape. The numerous canyons and rock rims provide many places for individuals to feel alone and they are natural barriers that will keep users separated from other visitors.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The diverse landscape could provide limitless opportunities for a variety of primitive recreational activities. The massive canyonland complex would provide challenging outdoor skills in such activities as hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling.

4. Supplemental Values: The area contains a wealth of cultural and historical values plus a substantial raptor (birds of prey) population.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

53,920 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

Zero acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received 13 specific comments on this unit. Several comments noted boundary changes; adequate size; and naturalness. Most comments mentioned outstanding solitude and recreation. Some comments noted roads and intrusions, and one noted outstanding opportunities. Most noted supplemental values. Also received were 40 general comments stating the unit meets the wilderness criteria.

FINAL DECISION:

53,920 acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

Zero acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though public comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates that the entire unit does possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-008/CA-020-913 UNIT NAME: Little High Rock Canyon

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate area is in the northwestern corner of Nevada about seven miles southwest of Soldier Meadows Ranch and Airport. The roadless area is a large canyonland complex with various small mountain peaks. Little High Rock Canyon, the most dramatic of the canyons in the unit, reaches depths

greater than 700 feet. Vegetation consists mainly of low-profile desert shrubs. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The inventory area contains about 53,573 acres of roadless public land in a broad shaped unit extending 10 miles wide and 12 miles long. 430 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and do not meet the size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The remaining area contains a number of man-made features but most are widely scattered, very low profile, and effectively screened by the broken canyonland landscape. A concentration of past mining activities coupled with a number of reservoirs and ways render two small portions totaling 1,000 acres of the area unnatural in character. The rest is substantially natural.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Solitude could be easily achieved within the highly varied landscape. The numerous canyons and drainages provide unlimited places for one to feel alone. The deep canyons and precipitious walls are significant natural barriers that would help keep visitors separated from one another. Outstanding opportunities for solitude definitely exist within the area.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The mountainous canyonland landscape provides many opportunities for visitors to participate in a variety of primitive recreational pursuits. The diverse terrain challenges outdoor skills and the presence and a variety of supplemental resource values further enhance opportunities for primitive types of recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: The area contains a variety of raptors and other wildlife species and cultural resource values.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

52,143 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

1,430 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received 17 specific comments on this unit. One comment suggested a boundary change. A few comments mentioned naturalness. Most comments noted outstanding recreation and solitude. Several discussed intrusions and lack of outstanding opportunities. Most noted supplemental values and one listed other resource values. Also received were 40 general comments stating the unit meets the wilderness criteria.

FINAL DECISION:

52,143 acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

1,430 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though public comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates that a portion of the area does possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation. The portion eliminated from WSA consideration was found not to possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-009/CA-020-823 UNIT NAME: Leadville

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is 20 miles north of Gerlach and just south of the old mining site of Leadville. A high plateau-like basin consisting of gentle rolling hills with scattered rock outcrops and numerous shallow drainages characterizes the unit. The dominant vegetation consists of high and low sagebrush and scattered juniper. The unit is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit includes 27,023 acres of public land. The roadless area consists of 26,224 acres as 799 acres were separated from the bulk of the unit by roads and private land. These do not meet the minimum size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The unit appears to be in a natural condition with the works of man substantially unnoticeable.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The absence of vegetative screening and lack of topographic diversity provide the unit with less than an outstanding opportunity for solitude.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: Undiversified topography and vegetation, lack of natural screening, no significant points of interest or challenge, and unavailability of water result in an absence of outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value were noted in the unit.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

27,023 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received six specific comments on this unit. A few comments noted outstanding recreation and solitude. Most comments discussed intrusions and lack of outstanding opportunities. One noted supplemental values and three listed other resource values.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

27,023 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-010/CA-020-816/ UNIT NAME: Crutcher
CA-020-821/CA-020-820

AREA DESCRIPTION: The interstate inventory unit is about 25 miles northwest of Gerlach, Nevada. The moderately elevated, irregular-shaped unit consists of a gently rolling landscape in the north and central portion increasing to steeper slopes in the south. A few scattered intermittent drainages form small to moderately sized open canyons. Vegetation is dominated by sagebrush with a light scattering of juniper. The unit is managed by the Winnemucca BLM District and the Susanville District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The area consists of 52,745 acres of contiguous public land. Roads documented during the intensive inventory separated the original unit into subunits of 14,150, 26,490, 5,495, 1,190, 160, 860, and 4,400 acres. Four of the subunits do not meet the minimum size criterion. The remaining subunits were assessed for their wilderness qualities.
2. Naturalness: Most of the area appears to be less than natural as the works of man are substantially noticeable with 17 miles of ways, numerous fencelines, a powerline running through the area's center, and a communication station atop Fox Mountain.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: Opportunities for solitude exist but they are not considered outstanding. The northern half of the unit lacks both the topographic and vegetative features that would enable visitors to find a secluded spot and increases one's chances for avoiding the sights and sounds of other visitors to the area. The more broken topography in the southern portion possesses only a few natural features that would provide solitude; the drainages and canyons are few in number and small featured, and the vegetation that is sufficient for providing screening is only lightly scattered.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The slightly mountainous landscape would provide only limited occasions for primitive recreation. It would not challenge outdoor skills or afford many chances to indulge in a variety of recreational activities. Upland and big game hunting is considered moderate to poor along with recreational opportunities.

4. Supplemental Values: A small deer and antelope population along with some predators exist in the area.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

52,745 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received four specific comments on this unit. One comment mentioned solitude. Other comments noted roads and intrusions, and one mentioned lack of solitude. One noted supplemental values and two listed other resource values.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

52,745 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-012/CA-020-621 & 618 UNIT NAME: Poodle Mountain

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is northwest of Gerlach, Nevada. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California. The unit consists of gentle rolling terrain giving way to numerous buttes and mesas with rim rock bluffs. The western portion of the unit contains three finger-like steep rocky canyons which run in an east-west direction. Another steep canyon runs north and south bordering the unit's west side. Vegetation consists mainly of low and big sagebrush and juniper.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit contains 137,160 acres of public land. Documented roads split the original unit into eight subunits of which six did not meet the minimum size criterion. The remaining two subunits, 5,633 acres and 127,829 acres, were assessed for their wilderness qualities.

2. Naturalness: The 5,633 acre subunit appears to be in less than a natural condition as the man-made features within the area are substantially noticeable. They consist of several cherrystem roads and ways, reservoirs, and a bladed fenceline. The subunit's small size and undiverse topography does little to screen these man-made intrusions. The 127,829 acre subunit appears to be in a natural condition.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The remaining 127,829 acres consist of a varied and diverse terrain with deep rocky canyons, wide-open gently rolling hills and numerous buttes and mesas. The landscape is blanketed with low and big sagebrush and juniper. The area's unique and varied terrain provides ample screening and numerous isolated spots and localities. Opportunities for solitude are outstanding.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit's terrain and natural screening offer an outstanding opportunity for backpacking, hiking, and sightseeing. The abundance of deer provides outstanding hunting. Overall, the unit provides an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: The unit's unique topographical features, wildlife, and possible archaeological finds offer supplemental values.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

127,829 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

9,331 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received 16 specific comments on this unit. One comment suggested a boundary change. Most comments mentioned naturalness and outstanding solitude and recreation. Several noted roads, intrusions, and one noted lack of outstanding opportunities. Most noted supplemental values and two listed other resource values. Also received were 2,327 general comments stating the unit meets the wilderness criteria.

FINAL DECISION:

127,829 acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

9,331 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though public comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates that a portion of the area does possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation. The portion eliminated from WSA consideration was found not to possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-020-021/CA-020-822A&B
CA-020-823

UNIT NAME: No Name

AREA DESCRIPTION: This interstate unit is about 18 miles north of Gerlach, Nevada. The area consists of gentle rolling terrain with scattered rock outcrops. The north end of the North Fork of Negro Creek gorge runs through the southeast end of the area. Vegetation is dominated by low-growing sagebrush. It is jointly managed by the Winnemucca BLM District in Nevada and the Susanville BLM District in California.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The unit contains 5,230 acres of public land, split by documented roads into several subunits, each less than the minimum 5,000 contiguous acres of public land. Therefore, further wilderness evaluation is unnecessary.
2. Naturalness: The area appears to be generally natural.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The area offers less than an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of its extremely small size.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The unit offers less than outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
4. Supplemental Values: No ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value were noted in the unit.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

5,230 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: None received.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

5,230 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: No public comments were received, and the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-030-531/CA-010-105 UNIT NAME: Slinkard

AREA DESCRIPTION: The Slinkard unit generally covers a very steep, rugged ridge between Bagley Valley and Slinkard Valley, California, and is bisected north-south by the Alpine-Mono County line. Those public lands in Alpine County are administered by the Carson City BLM District; those in Mono County by the Bakersfield District Office. The unit shares a one and one-quarter mile common boundary on its south end with the adjacent Carson-Iceberg wilderness proposal unit 4-986 administered by the Toiyabe National Forest. The east boundary is private lands leased to California Fish and Game Department for wildlife management; the west side fronts on private lands except for about five miles of roads. The north boundary is divided between private lands and State Route 89 through Monitor Pass. Vegetation is primarily mature stands of ponderosa pine and fir trees mixed with aspen groves, mountain mahogany, and undergrowth of various mountain shrubs, grasses, and bushes.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The Carson City District portion contains 2,240 acres and the Bakersfield District portion contains 3,200 acres of public land, for a total of 5,440 acres.
2. Naturalness: No man-made improvements are located inside the unit. There is some evidence of sheep and cattle grazing, particularly among the aspen-lined drainages. The general appearance is one of undisturbed alpine mountain ecosystem free of works of man.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: In spite of the relatively narrow, two and one-half by six mile configuration of the unit, it shares the same dense forests and rugged topography as the Carson-Iceberg RARE II wilderness proposal it adjoins. Both vegetative and topographic screening are uncommonly superior and offer numerous opportunities for seclusion. The opportunity for solitude is outstanding.
 - B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: Sufficient snow-cover has been present for the two winter seasons during the wilderness inventory process to provide significant cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow camping opportunities. Because State Routes 89 and 4, which allow vehicle access to the Carson-Iceberg wilderness are often closed to traffic, the Slinkard unit offers an access route to the Carson River, Silver King Valley, and the spectacular Carson-Iceberg beyond. Hiking, rock climbing, hunting, sightseeing, back-packing, nature study, and photography opportunities are of excellent quality throughout the unit. Especially when considered in conjunction with the adjacent Carson-Iceberg wilderness study proposal, the overall recreation opportunity is outstanding.
4. Supplemental Values: The unit contains interesting geological, scenic, botanical, and ecological features. Historical evidence center around past ranching or mining activities; no archaeological sites were documented.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

5,440 acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

Zero acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received 14 specific comments on this unit, most stating the area contains wilderness characteristics. A few noted roads, intrusions, or lack of outstanding opportunities. Several noted supplemental values. Also received were 2,327 general comments stating the unit meets the wilderness criteria.

FINAL DECISION:

5,440 acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

Zero acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Public comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation for this area, which is contiguous to lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service that previously were determined to have wilderness characteristics. Evidence available to the Bureau indicates that the public land portion appears natural and also possesses the other necessary criteria for WSA designation, especially when combined with the adjoining agency unit.

UNIT NUMBER: NV-030-603/CA-020-403 UNIT NAME: Fort Sage Mountain

AREA DESCRIPTION: The unit is two miles east of Doyle, California and contains about 22,990 acres of public land. The mostly mountainous landscape, varying in elevation from 4,000 feet to 7,990 feet, contains a number of scattered steep prominent peaks, associated ridgelines, small canyons, and hills. Juniper, sagebrush, and bitterbrush are the dominant vegetative species within the unit, with grass and bushes appearing at the lower elevations.

CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORIED:

1. Size: The inventory area contains about 22,990 acres of public land managed by the Carson City and Susanville District Offices. Three separate subunits of 2,200 acres, 200 acres, and 20,590 acres were delineated along documented roads. The two smaller subunits were eliminated since they did not meet the size criterion.
2. Naturalness: The cumulative effects of a large number of man-made impacts (vehicle ways, dead-end roads, motorcycle trails, water developments, and mining activity scars) leave the 20,590-acre subunit unnatural in appearance.
3. Outstanding Opportunities for:
 - A. Solitude: The mountainous landscape would provide some opportunities for visitors to achieve a sense of solitude, however, out-

standing opportunities are negated by the subunit's irregular configuration and the existence of a number of closely spaced dead-end roads cutting deeply into its core.

B. A Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation: The varied landscape, in conjunction with its supplemental values could provide some opportunities for primitive recreation. However, the subunit's configuration, in concert with the numerous man-made structures, limits free movement, and the quantity and quality of primitive recreation opportunities in the subunit were less than outstanding.

4. Supplemental Values: Small populations of deer and chukar can be observed along with some eagles and hawks. The area is also noted for varied and interesting rock formations.

ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION:

Zero acres are recommended for Wilderness Study Area status.

22,990 acres should be dropped from further wilderness consideration.

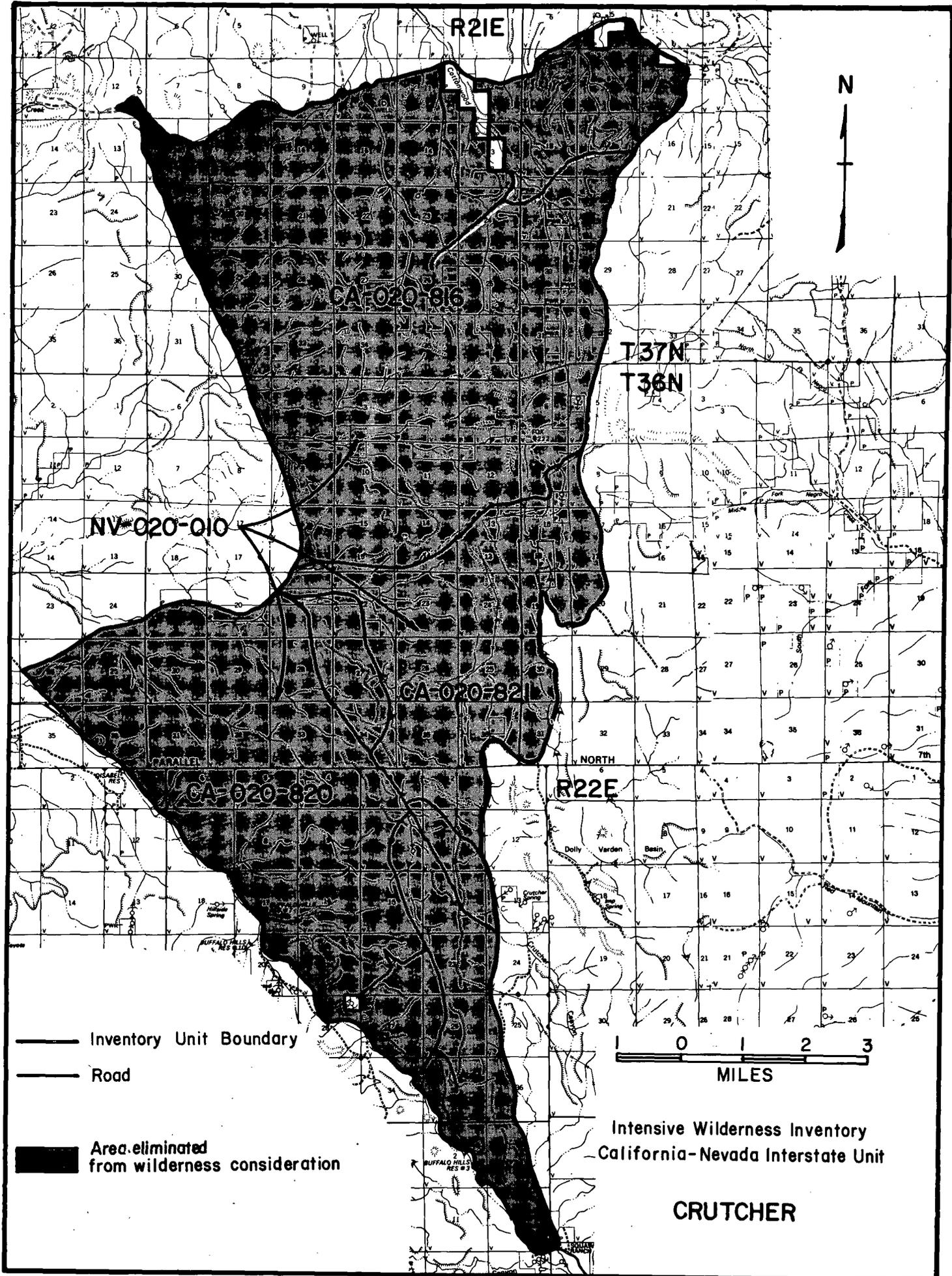
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: BLM received two specific comments on this unit, one citing presence of wilderness characteristics and one citing the absence of wilderness characteristics. One noted supplemental values and one listed other resource values.

FINAL DECISION:

Zero acres are designated as a Wilderness Study Area.

22,990 acres are dropped from further wilderness consideration.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION: Even though comments were received both supporting and opposing WSA designation, the evidence available to the Bureau indicates the area does not possess the necessary criteria for WSA designation.



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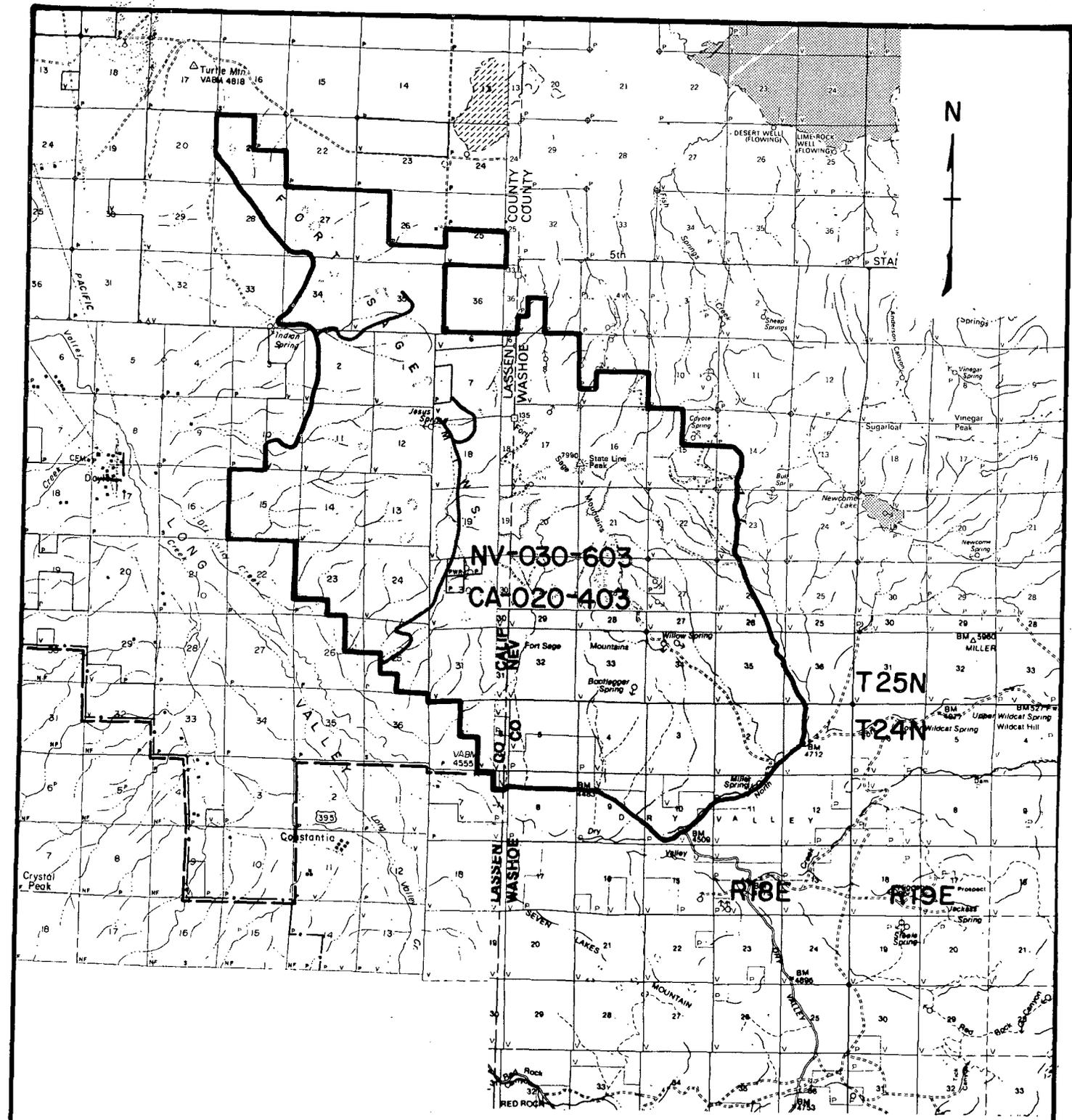
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■ Area eliminated from wilderness consideration



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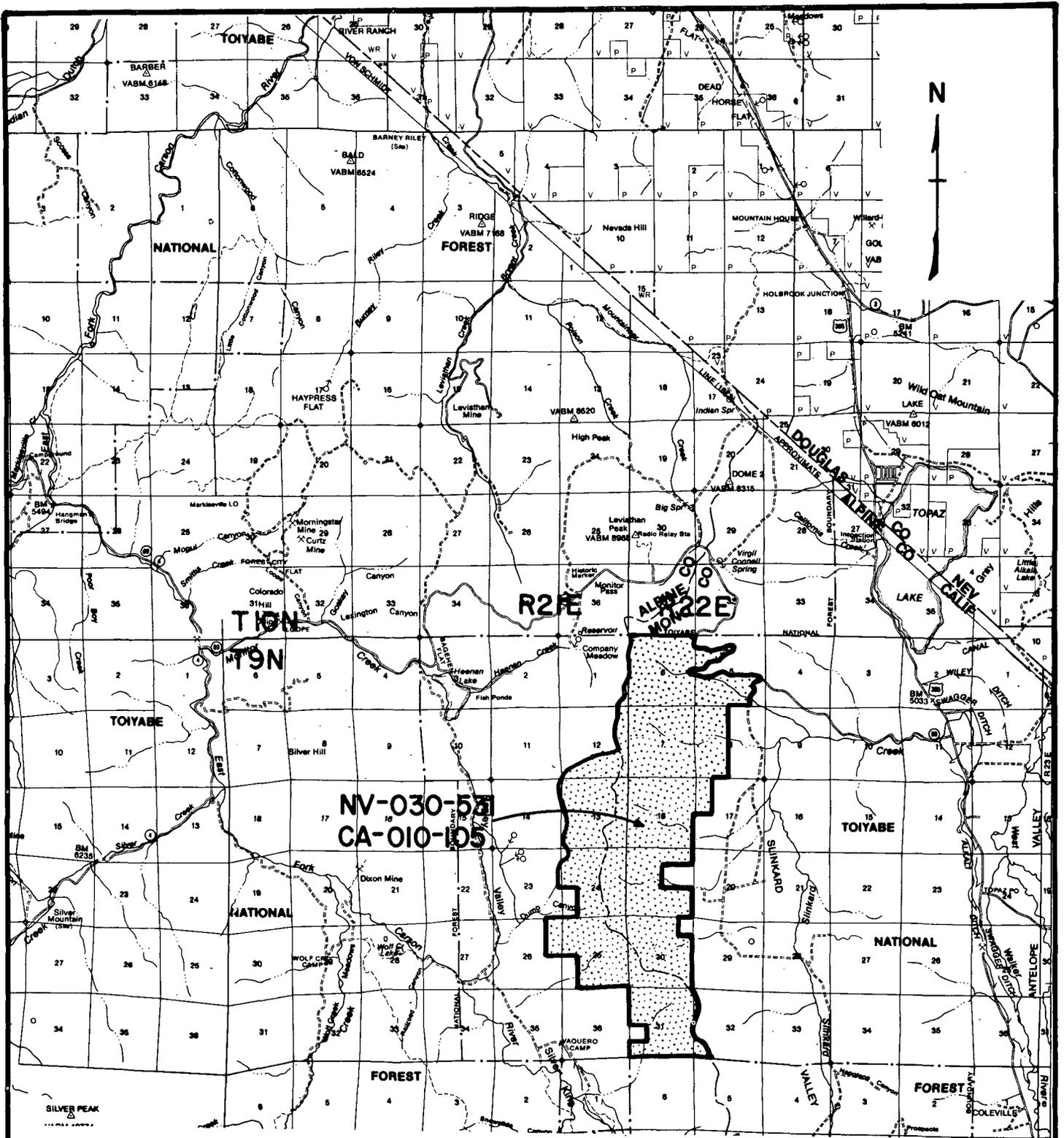


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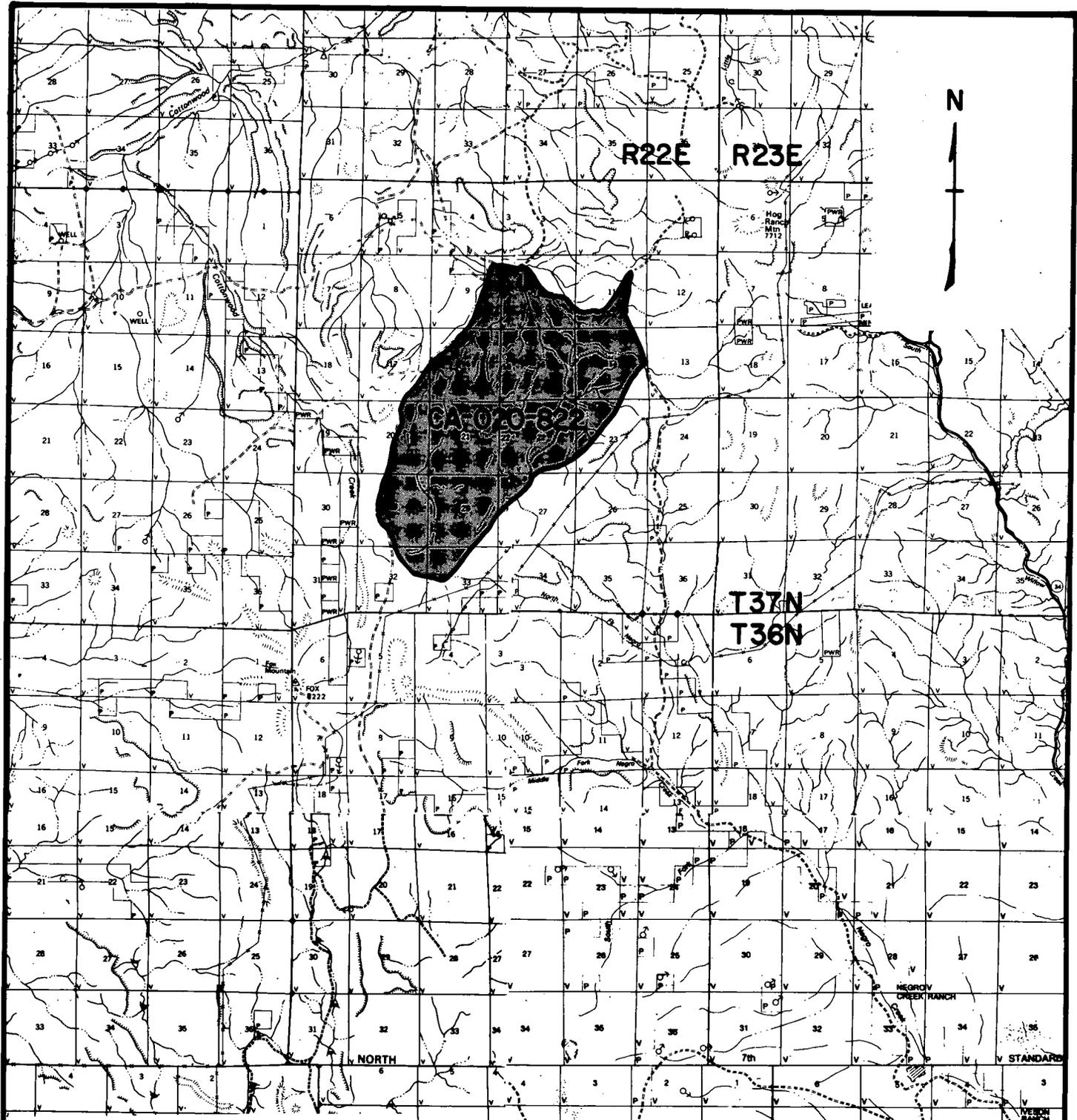


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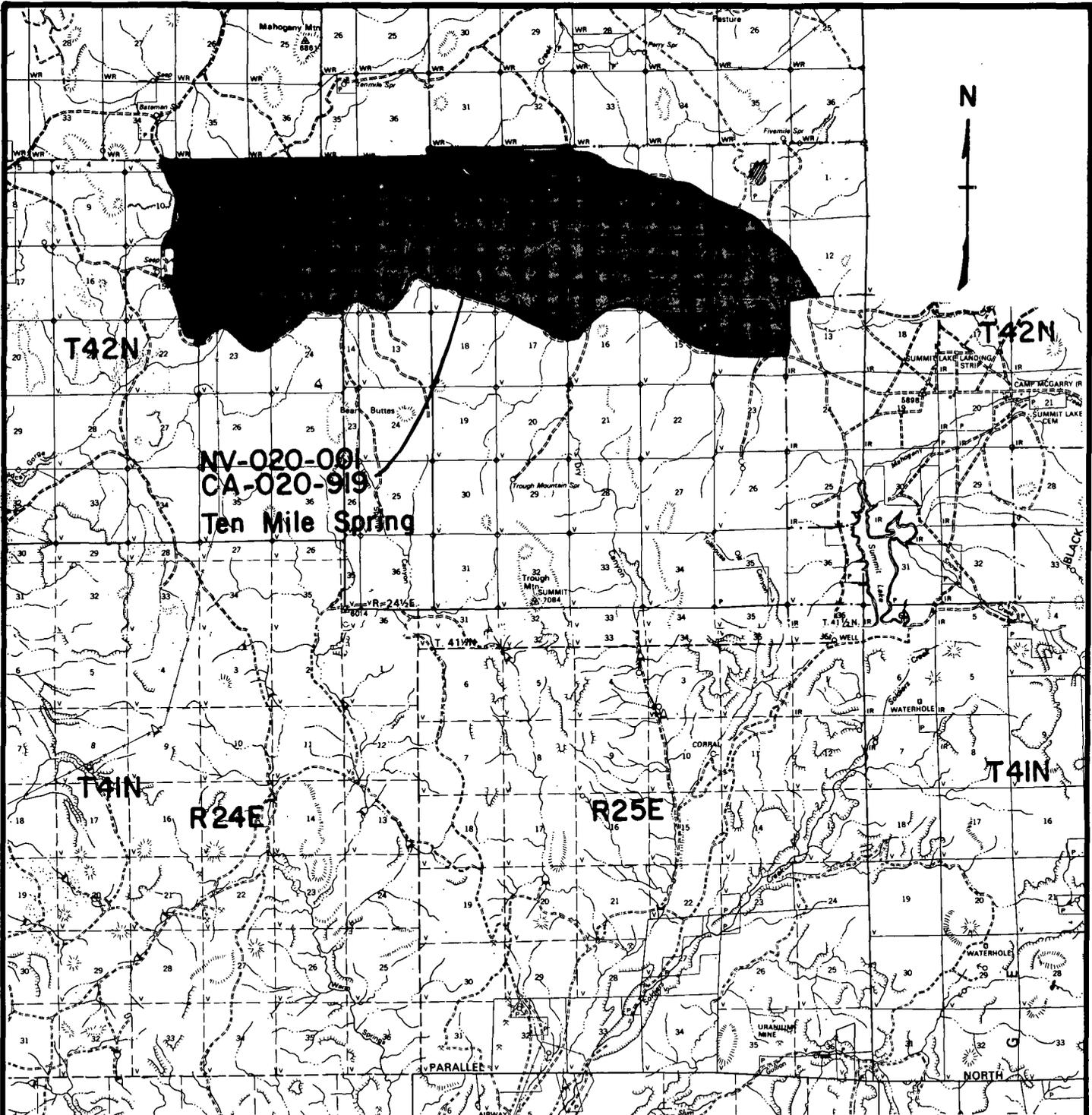


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-  Road
-  Area eliminated from wilderness consideration



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NEGRO CREEK



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 Ten Mile Spring

Inventory Unit Boundary

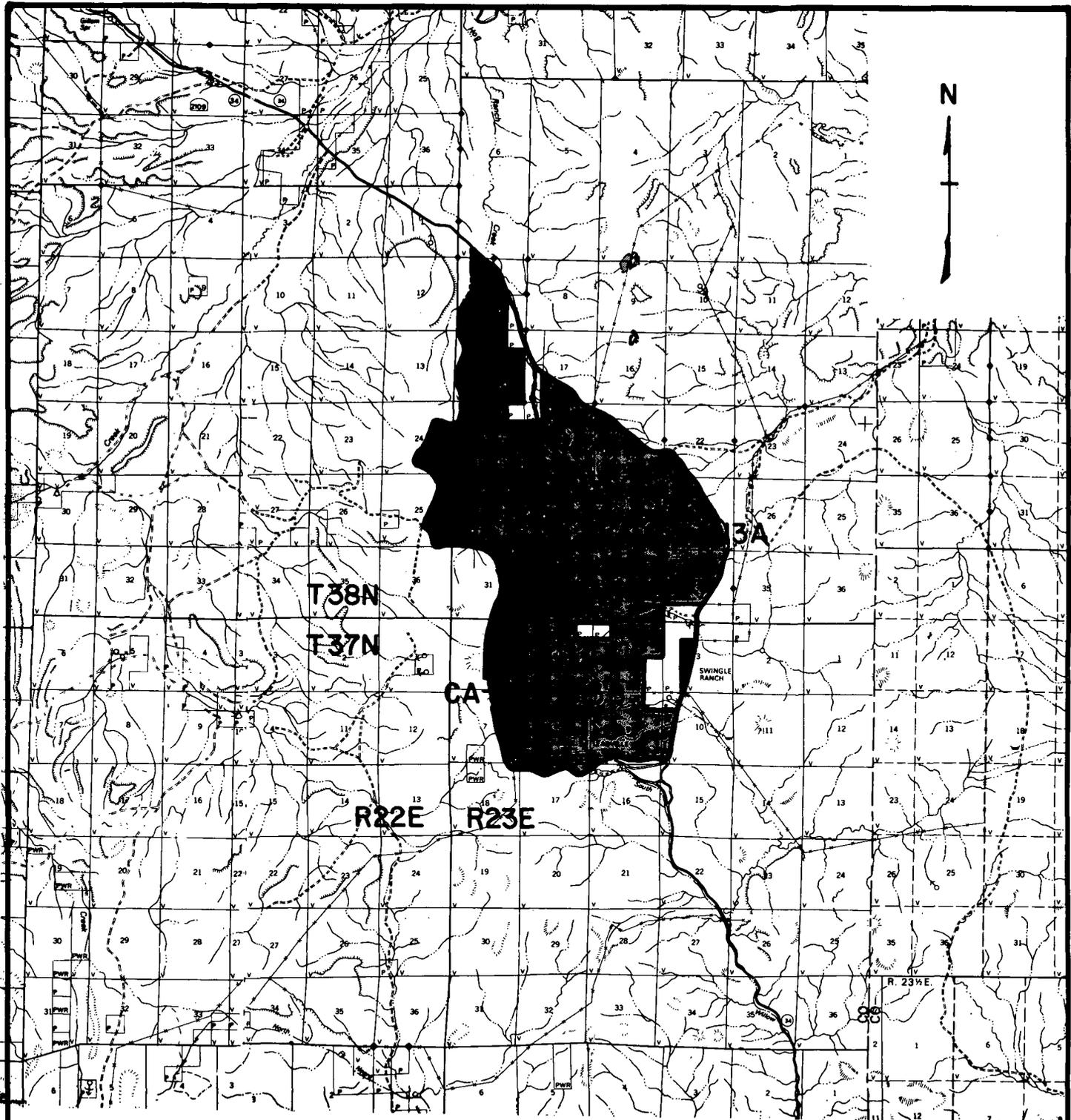
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 California-Nevada Interstate Unit

TEN MILE SPRING

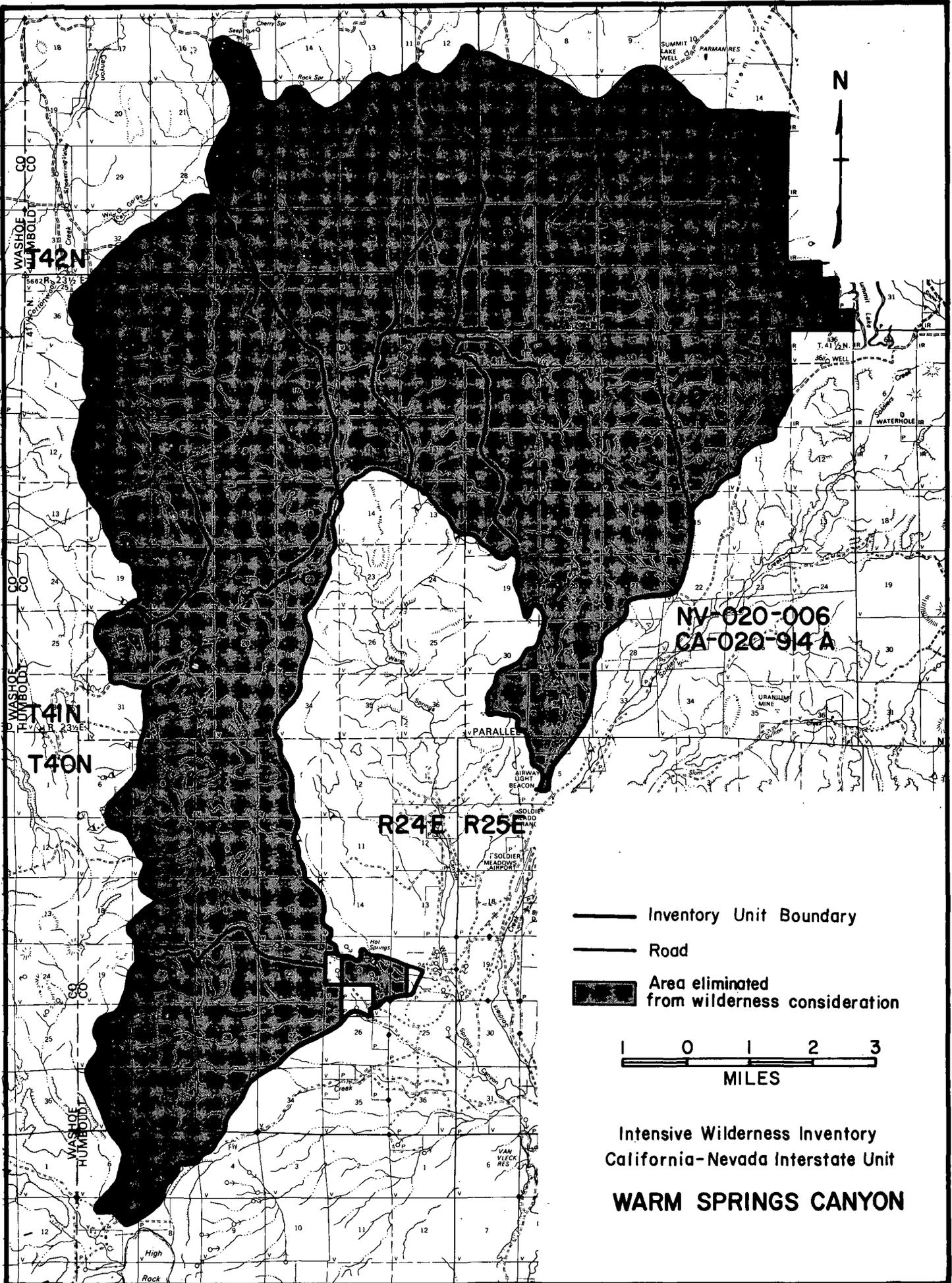


— Inventory Unit Boundary
 — Road

■ Area eliminated
 from wilderness consideration



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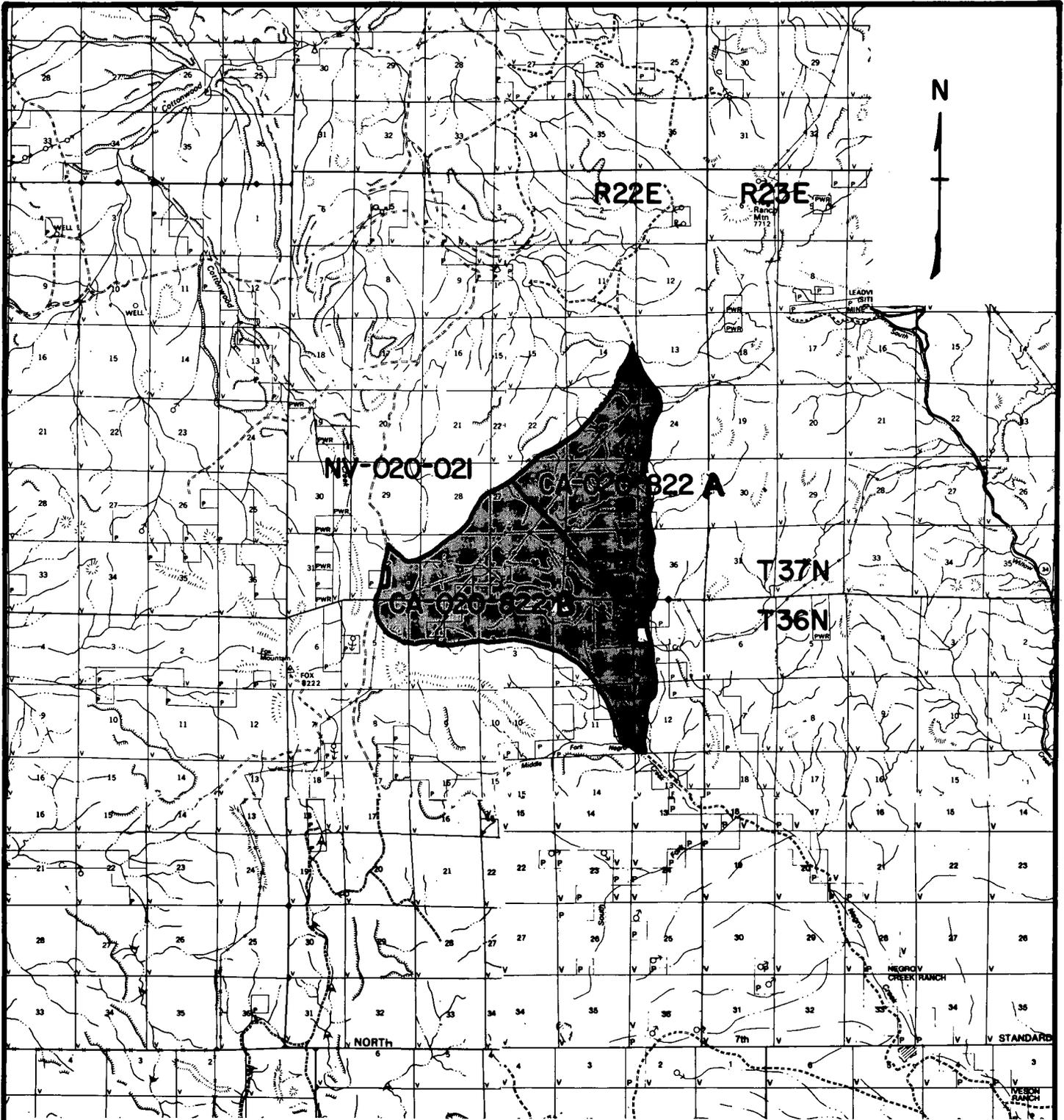


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WARM SPRINGS CANYON



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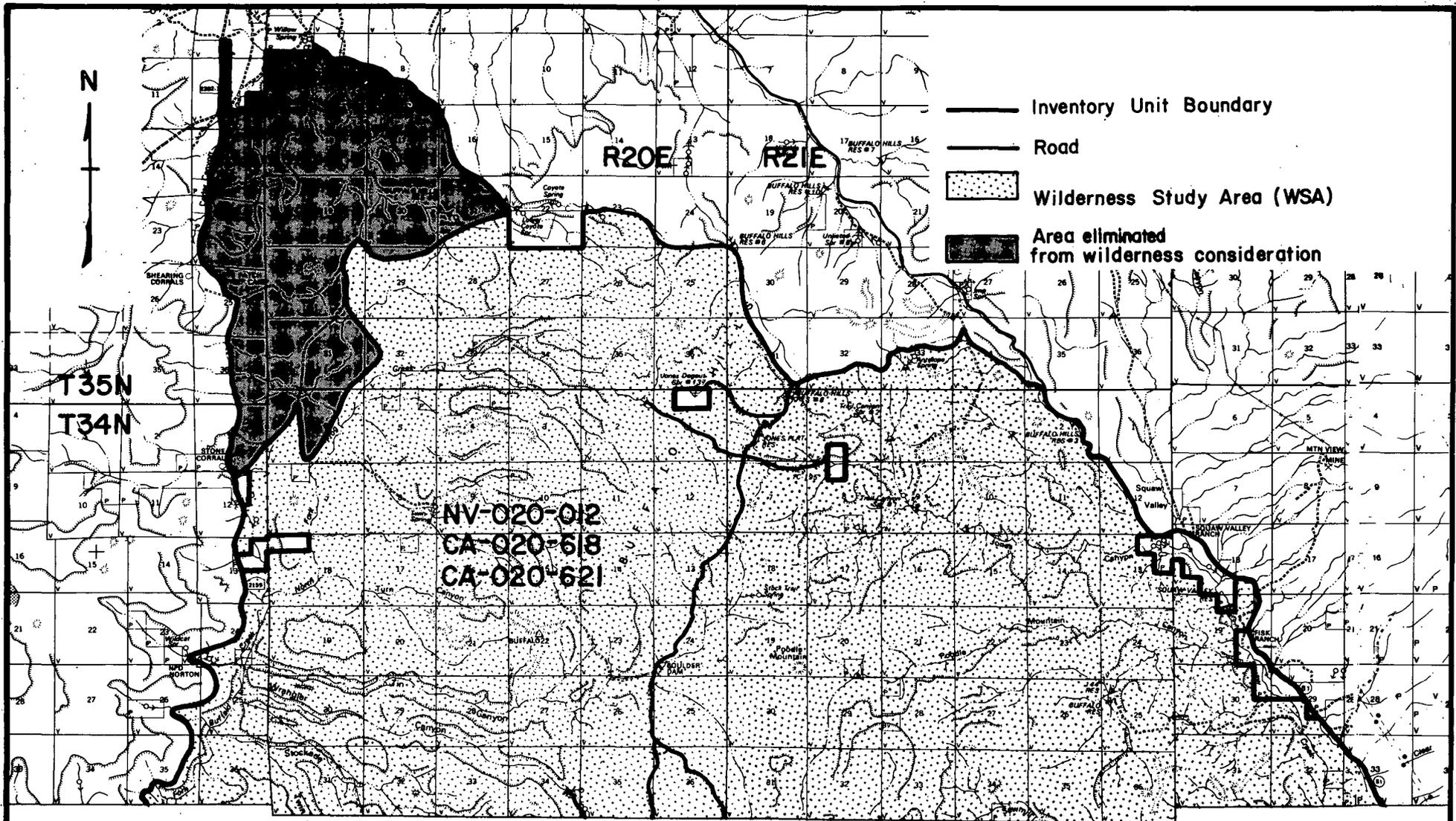
— Road

■ Area eliminated from wilderness consideration

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NO NAME



- Inventory Unit Boundary
- Road
- ▨ Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
- Area eliminated from wilderness consideration



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POODLE MOUNTAIN N1/2

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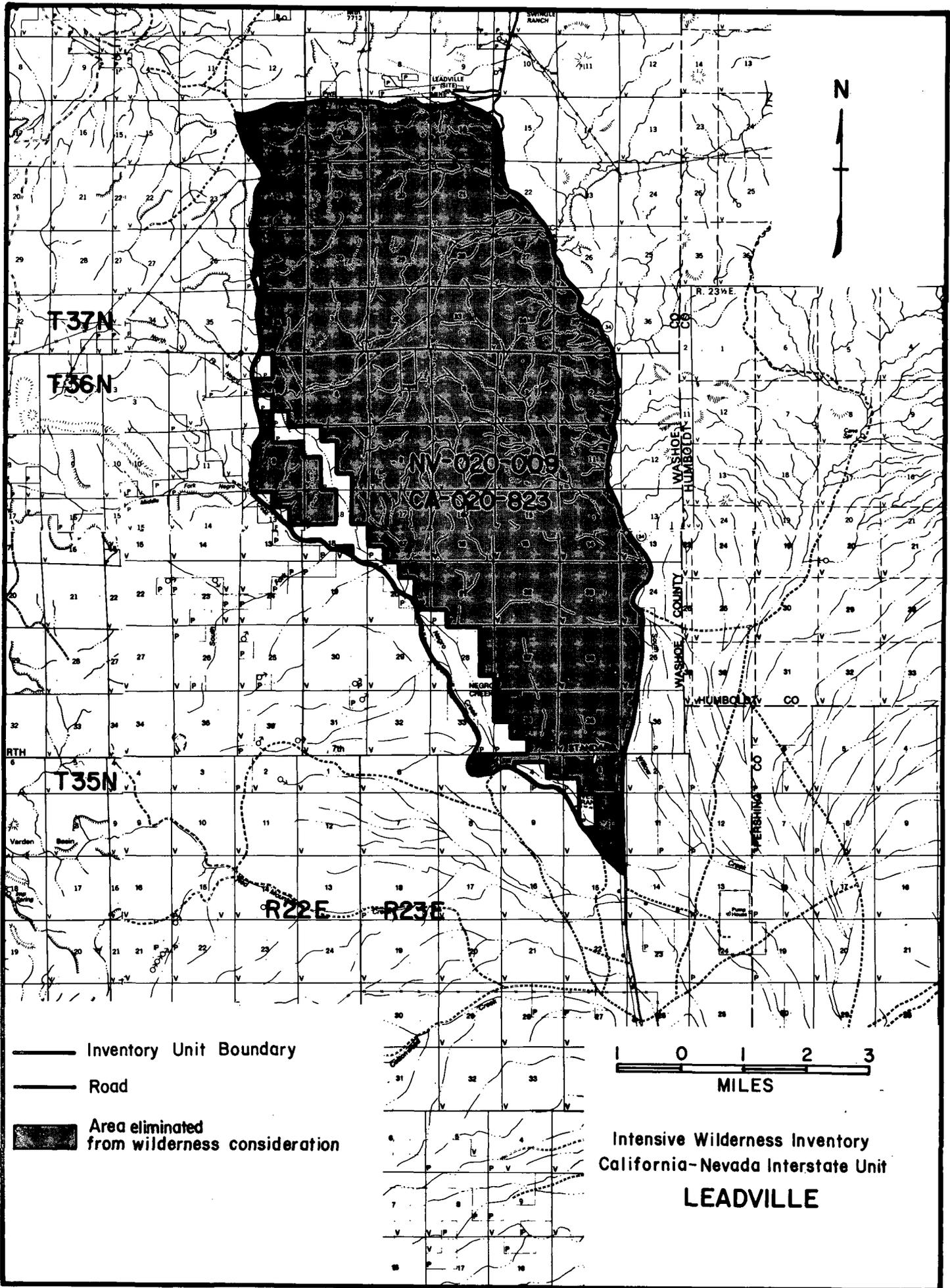
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POODLE MOUNTAIN SI/2



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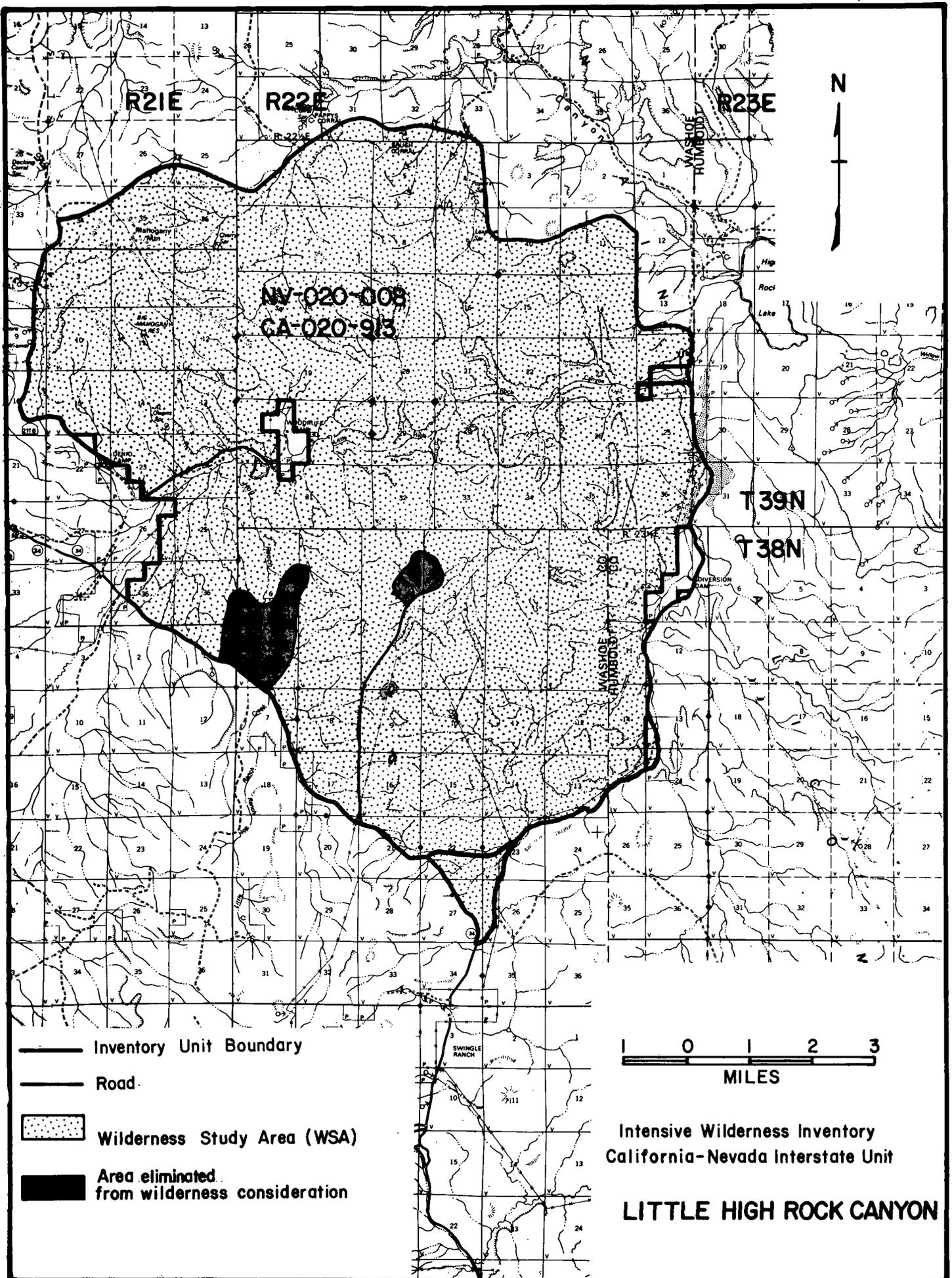
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HUMBOLDT CO
SPERDING CO

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LEADVILLE



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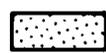
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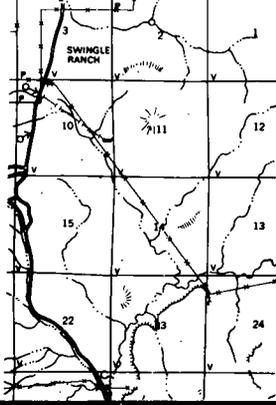
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HUMBLOTT

-  Inventory Unit Boundary
-  Road
-  Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
-  Area eliminated from wilderness consideration



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LITTLE HIGH ROCK CANYON



Final Decisions
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Unit Number: 1-126/CA-020-1010

Unit Name: Coleman Valley/Macy Flat

Description

Size: This interstate unit contains approximately 36,700 acres of contiguous public lands; 23,640 acres in Oregon and 13,060 acres in Nevada. The public lands in Nevada are administered by the BLM District Office in Susanville, California.

Location: The unit is located eight miles east of Adel.

Boundaries: The north boundary is Oregon Highway 140. The west boundary in Oregon is BLM Road 6182 and County Road 3-15 which is designated as Nevada Highway 34 in the Susanville District. The east boundary is BLM 6102C in Oregon and becomes the Macy Flat Road in the Susanville District. The south boundary is defined by Nevada Highway 34 and the Macy Flat Road.

Physical Characteristics: The western side of the unit contains the flats of Coleman Valley. The unit rises sharply at a north to south trending fault scarp at the east side of Coleman Valley and the remaining portion consists of flat to low rolling topography on a gently descending dip slope to the east. Vegetation on the unit is primarily sagebrush with juniper with aspen stands in the higher elevations.

Wilderness Criteria:

Size: The unit meets the minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: There are approximately 26 miles of bladed ways and roads on the Oregon side of the unit which significantly affect the northern part of the unit. The Nevada side contains approximately seven miles of minor ways and several small reservoirs which do not substantially affect the southern part of the unit. Joint evaluation of the unit by Susanville and Lakeview personnel determined that the northern part of the unit does not appear generally natural but that the Nevada side remains primarily affected by the forces of nature.

Solitude: There are minor areas near the rim on the western side of the unit which would provide some opportunity for solitude. The gently rolling to flat areas in the rest of the unit with little vegetation cover are not conducive to solitude, presenting poor opportunities to avoid the presence of others in the unit. The unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for solitude.

Recreation: The portions of the unit near the rim and "Rocky Canyon," a small side canyon which breaks the rim just south of the Nevada border, would provide some limited opportunity for hiking. The unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Supplemental Values: The unit may contain some archaeological values.

Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Summary of Public Comments: A proposed decision for the California portion was announced in 1979 and public comments were accepted for 90 days. However, the California State Director deferred the final decision until the public had an opportunity to comment on proposed decisions on all lands in the unit. The proposed decision on the California portion was reannounced in the Spring of 1980 to coincide with the public comment period for the proposed decision in Oregon. Comments received by BLM offices in California concurred with the proposed decision that the California portion did not meet the wilderness criteria. One comment said the unit had wilderness characteristics, especially when the Oregon lands were considered. Another addressed the presence of private lands in the California portion. Two comments were received in Oregon; both concurred with the proposed decision to eliminate the unit from further wilderness review.

Final Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: Joint evaluation by Lakeview and Susanville District personnel determined that the portion of the unit north of the Oregon-Nevada State Line does not remain in an apparently natural condition and the unit as a whole does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Unit Number: 1-157/CA-020-1005

Unit Name: Coleman Valley West/Coleman Ranch

This unit includes public lands in both Oregon and Nevada. The Nevada lands are administered by the BLM Susanville District Office in California. The public lands in Oregon are located in two pieces which are not contiguous to each other in Oregon but which are both contiguous to the public lands in Nevada. The two arms in Oregon were listed in the initial inventory report shown on the initial inventory map as Units 1-157 and 1-162. Because they are parts of one piece of contiguous public land crossing the state line, the lands formerly in Unit 1-162 are now included in Unit 1-157. The following narrative describes all of the contiguous public lands in both states.

Description

Size: The unit contains 23,005 acres--10,000 acres in Oregon and 13,005 acres in Nevada. Inholdings include 360 acres of private land at Cahill Reservoir and another 40-acre parcel in Oregon and 880 acres of private land in scattered tracts in Nevada.

Location: Ten miles south of Adel.

Boundaries: The northeast arm in Oregon is bounded by BLM Road 6172 and spurs on the west, and Road W7 and private lands on the east. The northwest arm in Oregon is bounded by a 500-KV powerline road on the west, private land on the north, and BLM Road 6172C and private land on the east. The lands in Nevada are bounded by the powerline road on the west, by the Barrel Springs Road and private land on the south, and by roads and private land on the east.

Physical Characteristics: The west side of the unit is a low plateau dissected by Twelve Mile and Horse Creeks. Elevations rise sharply east of the Horse Creek drainage. Most of the rest of the unit contains low, rolling hills with a few rocks, ridgelines, and shallow drainages. A small mountain range extends from the northeast arm in Oregon south a few miles into Nevada. The dominant vegetation is sagebrush and grass, scattered juniper, and isolated stands of ponderosa pine.

Wilderness Criteria

Size: The unit meets the minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: Because of the overall effect of reservoir developments, spring developments, and roads, the northern four miles of the northeast portion of the unit do not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature. This portion contains three developed springs and very noticeable roads leading to Terry Spring and Cahill Reservoir. Two small reservoirs are located in the north end. The northwest arm of the unit is very narrow, and it is significantly affected by the 500-KV powerline along the west boundary. The southern portion is affected to a minor degree by a few miles of ways and several pit reservoirs, but it remains generally natural in appearance.

Solitude: The unit offers only marginal opportunities to avoid the presence of others in the unit due to the generally open terrain, the broad flat areas, and little vegetative screening. The small size of the portion retaining a mostly natural condition further restricts opportunities for solitude. The stream drainages in the unit offer minor areas of solitude for small numbers of people.

Recreation: The unit has potential for hunting and wildlife observation with limited potential as a day use area. The limited size of the portion remaining in a natural condition and the absence of unique or interesting terrain or vegetation limit the recreational attractiveness of the unit. It does not offer any outstanding recreation opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Supplemental Values: The unit may contain some archaeological values.

Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Summary of Public Comments: A proposed decision for the California portion was announced in 1979 and public comments were accepted for 90 days. However, the California State Director deferred the final decision until the public had an opportunity to comment on proposed decisions on all lands in the unit. The proposed decision on the California portion was reannounced in the Spring of 1980, to coincide with the public comment period for the proposed decision in Oregon. Comments received by BLM offices in both states concurred with the proposed decision.

Final Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: Most of the unit is natural in character but offers only marginal opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation; the opportunities are not outstanding.

Unit Number: 1-164/CA-020-1004

Unit Name: Snuff/Twelve Mile Creek

Description

Size: The interstate unit contains approximately 16,130 acres of contiguous public land lying partially in the States of Oregon (1,440 acres) and California (14,690). It encompasses two 160-acre private inholdings.

Location: Twelve miles south of Adel.

: The eastern boundary of the unit is a road adjoining a 500-KV powerline. The west boundary is County Road 3-14 (Adel-Ft. Bidwell Road) and private land. The south boundary is the Barrel Springs Road.

Physical Characteristics: The terrain consists of low rolling hills. The Fifteen Mile Creek drainage crosses the northwest portion of the unit. Vegetation is sagebrush, juniper and a few scattered pines in the north.

Wilderness Criteria

Size: The unit meets minimum size criteria.

Naturalness: The majority of the unit has retained mostly a natural condition. The existing man-created impacts--ways and pit reservoirs-- are low-profiled and scattered; they are not substantially noticeable.

Solitude: This unit, with the close access of a major road, its small size and general exposures, does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Recreation: This unit is located in an active hunting area, and there are some scenic and hiking values along Fifteen Mile Creek. The unit does not possess outstanding opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation, as potential on the unit is limited.

Supplemental Values: No supplemental values recognized in this unit.

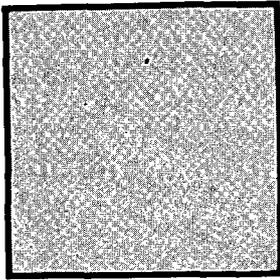
Proposed Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Summary of Public Comments: A proposed decision for the California portion was announced in 1979, and public comments were accepted for 90 days. However, the California State Director deferred the final decision until the public had an opportunity to comment on proposed decisions on all lands in the unit. The proposed decision on the California portion was reannounced

in the Spring of 1980, to coincide with the public comment period for the proposed decision in Oregon. Two comments were received by BLM offices in Oregon; both concurred with the proposed decision. One comment received in California objected to excluding this and other units from study based upon judgement that the area lacks topographic and vegetative screening.

Final Decision: Eliminate from further review.

Rationale: A joint inventory by Susanville and Lakeview District personnel concluded that the unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. The topography and vegetation do not provide sufficient screening to provide users outstanding opportunities to avoid others in the unit.

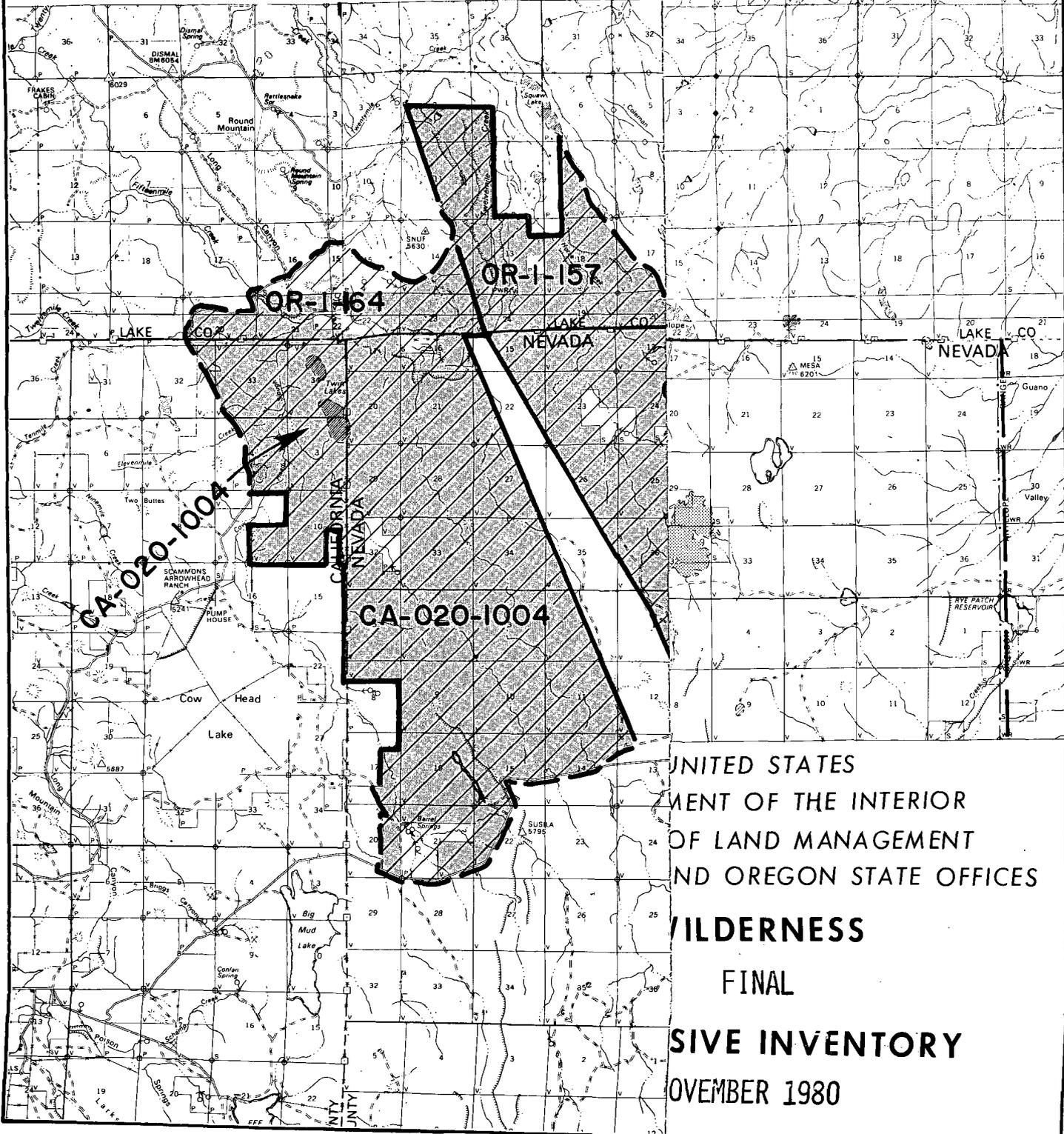


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(Size equals approximately 5,000 acres)



Areas which had an intensive inventory analysis but do not meet the criteria for identification as Wilderness Study Areas. (Dashed line denotes boundary)



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