



COUNTY OF INYO
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INDEPENDENCE, CALIFORNIA 93526

April 9, 1985

Interior Board of Land Appeals
William Phillip Horton, Chief Administrative Judge
4015 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22203

Subject: Appeal of the State Bureau of Land Management
Director's Recommendation to the National BLM
Director Buford, concerning the BLM Wilderness
Study Areas in California, December, 1984.

To the Honorable Judge Horton:

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors wishes to appeal the
State BLM Director's Recommendation to the National BLM
Director Buford concerning the BLM Wilderness Study Areas in
California, December, 1984 according to the following
grounds:

GROUND NO. 1: The public, including the Inyo County Board of
Supervisors, has not been given the opportunity to review
and submit comments to BLM concerning the December, 1984
Wilderness Study Areas in California. This is a departure
from all other BLM proposals. It is also a departure from
the earlier phases of the BLM Wilderness Study Area Program
where a 30 day public review and comment period on the "Final
Intensive Wilderness Inventory Report, Except the California
Desert Conservation Area - January, 1980" was permitted. The
public has not been given the opportunity to review and
comment on the proposals.

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Furthermore, the State BLM Director's office has verbally mentioned to Inyo County staff members that the next public comment period will only occur at the Congressional Hearings. This statement is in conflict with Section 3(d); Suitability (d)(1), (A), (B), and (C) of Appendix B-excerpts from the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (Pub. L. 88--577) of page 5120, Federal Register/Vol. 47, No. 23/Wednesday, February 3, 1982/Notices. The Wilderness Act mandates the Secretary of the Interior prior to submitting any recommendations to the President or Congress to; A. give such public notice of proposed action including publication in the Federal Register and in a newspaper having general circulation in the area or areas in the vicinity of the affected land; B. to hold a public hearing or hearings at a location or locations convenient to the area affected along with proper public notice including newspapers of general circulation in the area; C. at least thirty days before the date of hearing, advise the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, Federal Departments and Agencies concerned and invite such officials and Federal Agencies to submit their views on the proposed action at the hearing or by no later than thirty days following the date of hearing. Also any views submitted to the Secretary of the Interior at the hearings, shall be included with any BLM recommendations submitted to the President and Congress.

The Board of Supervisors wishes administrative relief whereby the public is given the opportunity to review and comment on the BLM California State Wilderness Recommendations. The Board also asks for assurances from the Secretary of the Interior that hearings(s) will be held as prescribed by law. The Board recommends hearings be held at Independence, Tecopa and Ridgecrest (Kern County); which are central localities in the vicinity of the affected land for the citizens of Inyo County.

GROUND NO. 2:

Upon reviewing the BLM Wilderness Proposal for California (Presented in tabular form below), Inyo County is of the opinion that the Federal Government has proposed too many wilderness areas in Inyo County. We further perceive "Criteria #2 of the BLM regulations" (Balancing Geographic Distribution of Wilderness Areas) has not been adequately considered as intended by Congress. For instance, Mr. Hastey's recommendation to Burford amounts to approximately 1,964,220 acres designated suitable for wilderness (suitable). The acreage designated suitable in Inyo County alone amounts to 768,879 acres or 39 percent of the total BLM wilderness recommendation in California. The BLM recommendation has placed 81 percent of the total acreage in two counties whereas, 49 other California counties have not received any proposed BLM wilderness acreage at all.

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TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF BLM WILDERNESS
RECOMMENDATION TO CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

COUNTY	SUITABLE WILDERNESS ACREAGE	PERCENT OF RECOMMENDATION
San Bernardino*	826,970	42.0%
Inyo	768,879	39.0%
Riverside**	121,208	6.2%
Imperial	94,535	4.8%
Lassen	76,270	3.9%
San Diego	35,256	1.8%
Kern	27,001	1.4%
Tulare	15,507	0.8%
Monterey	2,200	0.1%
Remaining 49 Counties***	0	0.0%
TOTAL/58 Counties	1,964,220	100.0%

- * Includes an undetermined amount of Riverside acreage.
 ** Includes an undetermined amount of Imperial acreage.
 *** Humboldt and Mendocino Counties still have 61,061 acres under study.

Inyo County to date has the John Muir and Golden Trout Wilderness areas. Congress has added additional acreage via the RARE II Program. The Forest Service is studying the possibility of adding additional acreage for those lands designated "Further Study". The National Park Service has recommended large tracts of Death Valley National Monument as being suitable for wilderness.

The placement of so much acreage into wilderness within the boundaries of Inyo County, appears to be a violation of the Congressional mandate expressed by Criteria #2 of BLM regulations.

The Board of Supervisors would like to see compliance with Criteria #2 of BLM regulations.

GROUND NO. 3:

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors is concerned with the adverse impacts the creation of more wilderness areas will have upon the economy of Inyo County. BLM regulations are designed to address these impacts thru Standard No. 1, Standard No. 2 and Standard No. 5. The Board is concerned that BLM has not adequately addressed these regulations.

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Standard No. 1 addresses energy and mineral resource values. We are puzzled by the apparent contradictions presented by staff of the Bishop Area Office of BLM. The Resource Inventory of the Benton-Owens Valley Framework Plan and accompanied maps have identified the mineral resources within WSA-CA-010-056 as consisting of two types of mineral descriptions. There is a "mineral zone" of silver, lead, gold and zinc and a "metallic mineral resource area" of silver, lead and gold. Whereas at a meeting held on November 14, 1983 attended by two County Supervisors, the County Administrator and County Staff with Bishop Area office Staff of BLM, it was mentioned by BLM that the mineral resources in WSA-CA-010-056 as no and low mineral potential and moderate uranium potential. Later in the same meeting we asked the question of why wilderness was needed? The reply from BLM was wilderness was needed to keep the miners from damaging the land.

Standard No. 2 addresses impacts on other resources such as grazing. We are of the opinion that the creation of wilderness in a portion of WSA-CA-010-056 will prevent the grazing upon certain rangelands that historically in the past has been utilized for grazing. This will not only impose an adverse impact upon the socio-economics (admittedly minor to the town of Lone Pine), but environmentally impose a possible adverse environmental impact upon the native wildlife through the prohibiting of the cleaning and maintenance of springs. The rancher by developing the springs provides water for both domestic livestock and wildlife alike.

Standard No. 5 requires analysis of adverse cumulative impacts upon the local economy through the establishment of more wilderness areas. We wonder how this regulation can be followed when as mentioned above in Ground No.2, the fact that so much of Inyo County is already wilderness and more acreage is being recommended as additional wilderness? What will the resulting adverse impact to Inyo County's economy be?

GROUND NO. 4:

This objection of the Board concerns the inconsistency of the wilderness amendment with the adopted Conservation and Open Space Element of the Inyo County General Plan. The wilderness amendment is also inconsistent with the draft Benton-Owens Valley Framework plans of September 26, 1979 and May of 1980. "Standard No. 6" of the BLM regulations requires BLM staff to consider other Federal, State and local plans. The intent is to achieve consistency with other agency plans.

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The Board early in the BLM Planning Process directed the County Planning Department and the citizen advisory committees to help coordinate with the BLM Bishop Area office in formulating their planning documents. The result of this close interaction between agencies and members of the public resulted in the Draft Benton-Owens Valley Framework Plan of BLM recommending the establishment of a 13,000 acre wilderness area. The County of Inyo incorporated the boundaries of this recommendation into its adopted Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan.

The BLM later circulated the "DEIS Wilderness Recommendations for the Benton-Owens Valley/Bodie-Coleville Study Areas" Bakersfield District, August 12, 1983. The boundaries of WSA-CA-010-056 were expanded beyond that of the earlier draft Benton-Owens Valley Framework Plan and WSA-CA-010-55 was added in the recommendation.

As a result, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors in response sent BLM Resolution No. 83-88 and accompanying letter as official comments to the DEIS Wilderness Recommendation. The federal Register on page 5110 under Standard No. 6 requires BLM to respond to written comments regarding inconsistencies with adopted General Plans "explaining how the consistency issued was resolved and why." To date we have not received any BLM response as required by BLM regulations.

Furthermore, the Bakersfield District Advisory Council at the December 2, 1983 meeting supported Inyo County's recommendation of a 13,000 acre wilderness in the Inyo Mountains. There was a minor departure in adjusting the south boundary from a stream and canyon bottom to a more recognizable boundary (Long John Trail).

MOTION:

(Larry Calkins of BLM is not related to myself)
"Larry Calkins: I don't know quite how to put this motion, I would like to perhaps recommend with regard to the two areas, 55 and 56, that 55, Cerro Gordo, be dropped from the recommendation by this Council and that 56 from about New York Butte north, I don't know where that line would go, staff would have to help us on that, be considered as a wilderness candidacy. I would like to see this part that seems to have all these problems eliminated from that recommendation.

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Tim Johnson: Basically, that's the county general plan line.

Paul Johnson: Motioned by Larry, do we have a second?

Lola Brekke: I'll second it." (Bakersfield District Advisory Council meeting, page 25, December 2, 1983).

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

"Larry Calkins: I'd like to amend the text of my motion now to the Long John Trail to be the southernmost boundary of the proposed wilderness.

Paul Johnson: OK, is that agreeable with the second?

Lola Brekke: Second." (Bakersfield District Advisory Council Meeting, page 27).

Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 noes, 2 absent.

The BLM regulations addressed in Standard No. 6 also require BLM to respond to written comments from a Federal agency or body regarding inconsistencies. The BLM has not sent the required response to their own Advisory Council either.

The Board would appreciate receiving the required response from BLM as required by regulation.

Attached hereto and incorporated herein for your reference are:

- 1) Exhibit "A" consisting of Bureau of Land Management wilderness study areas in California, Informational Material Released December, 1984;
- 2) Exhibit "B" consisting of two (2) copies of Benton-Owens Valley/Bodie-Coleville Wilderness Environmental Impact Statement, Map 2-b, Alternative 1 - Proposed Action, CA-010-056 (emphasis added);
- 3) Exhibit "C" consisting of Minutes of Bakersfield District Advisory Council Meeting December 2, 1983, 873 N. Main Street, Bishop, California;
- 4) Exhibit "D" consisting of Benton Owens Valley Land Use Recommendations, South Inyo Management Area 12, objective G;
- 5) Exhibit "E" consisting of Owens Valley-Map-1 Conservation and Open Space Element, Inyo County General Plan, adopted June 2, 1981.

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The Board appreciates the opportunity given by the Department of the Interior to appeal the Recommendation of the State Director's Office of BLM.

Sincerely

Lawrence E. Calkins

Lawrence E. Calkins, Chairman
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure: Board of Supervisors
Resolution No. 85-22

Exhibit A

INFORMATION MATERIAL RELEASED DECEMBER 1984.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN CALIFORNIA

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 made the preservation and management of wilderness a part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) multiple use mandate for the public lands. It required BLM to carry out a comprehensive review of the wilderness characteristics of California public lands to identify potentially suitable areas for the National Wilderness Preservation System. The three major phases of the California wilderness review process were inventory, study, and recommendation.

BLM set up a two-step inventory process. During the initial inventory conducted in 1978/1979, the BLM in California, with the public's help, eliminated areas that obviously did not possess the wilderness characteristics required. Of the 17.1 million acres inventoried, 10.8 million acres lacked wilderness characteristics and were released from further wilderness review. As a result, the scope of study was narrowed to those areas (182 areas containing about 6.3 million acres) that definitely possessed the wilderness characteristics identified by Congress.

To qualify for wilderness, an area must: 1) generally appear natural, "with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable"; 2) have outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; 3) have at least 5,000 acres of land or be large enough to make practical its preservation as wilderness; and 4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, scenic, or historical value. More information on each WSA is available from your local BLM office.

The process in California leading up to a wilderness designation by Congress basically has four steps:

1. BLM recommends suitability or nonsuitability on each WSA to the Secretary. This recommendation is based on the results of BLM's wilderness study and its review of the area with the public. In making these recommendations, BLM evaluates the wilderness values of an area in the context of other resources also present in the area. For suitable recommendations, mineral survey reports from the Bureau of Mines and U.S. Geological Survey are required. For all WSAs with the basic wilderness characteristics, the BLM completes a draft environmental impact statement, which undergoes a 90-day public review, including review by the Governor.
2. The Secretary recommends the suitability or nonsuitability of each WSA to the President. The current schedule calls for recommendations to be completed before 1991.
3. The President recommends the suitability or nonsuitability of each WSA using all the information available.
4. Congress passes legislation to designate areas as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to resolve the status of areas dropped from consideration for wilderness preservation.

In California, BLM's preliminary recommendations for acres suitable for wilderness designation is approximately 2 million acres out of 6.3 million acres. The majority of the 6.3 million acres consists of 5.5 million acres of wilderness study areas in the California Desert Conservation Area, of which BLM has recommended 1.8 million acres as suitable pending the assessment of mineral survey data. Where USGS and Bureau of Mines mineral reports are still being prepared, BLM will schedule further public review, prior to making its final recommendation.

All of the areas listed below are part of BLM's wilderness study area process. Most of the areas have completed the cycle through the draft and preliminary final Environmental Impact Statement process with extensive public participation at local and state levels. However, a few are still in the early stages of the environmental and public participation process.

FACTS

California has a total land area of 101.5 million acres. Of that total, approximately 47.6 million acres are managed by Federal agencies, including:

U.S. Forest Service	20 million
Bureau of Land Management	18 million
National Park Service	4.6 million
Military Reservations	4 million
Bureau of Reclamation	1 million

California has 6.3 million acres of designated wilderness:

U.S. Forest Service	3.9 million
National Park Service	2.0 million
State of California	.4 million
Bureau of Land Management	.02 million

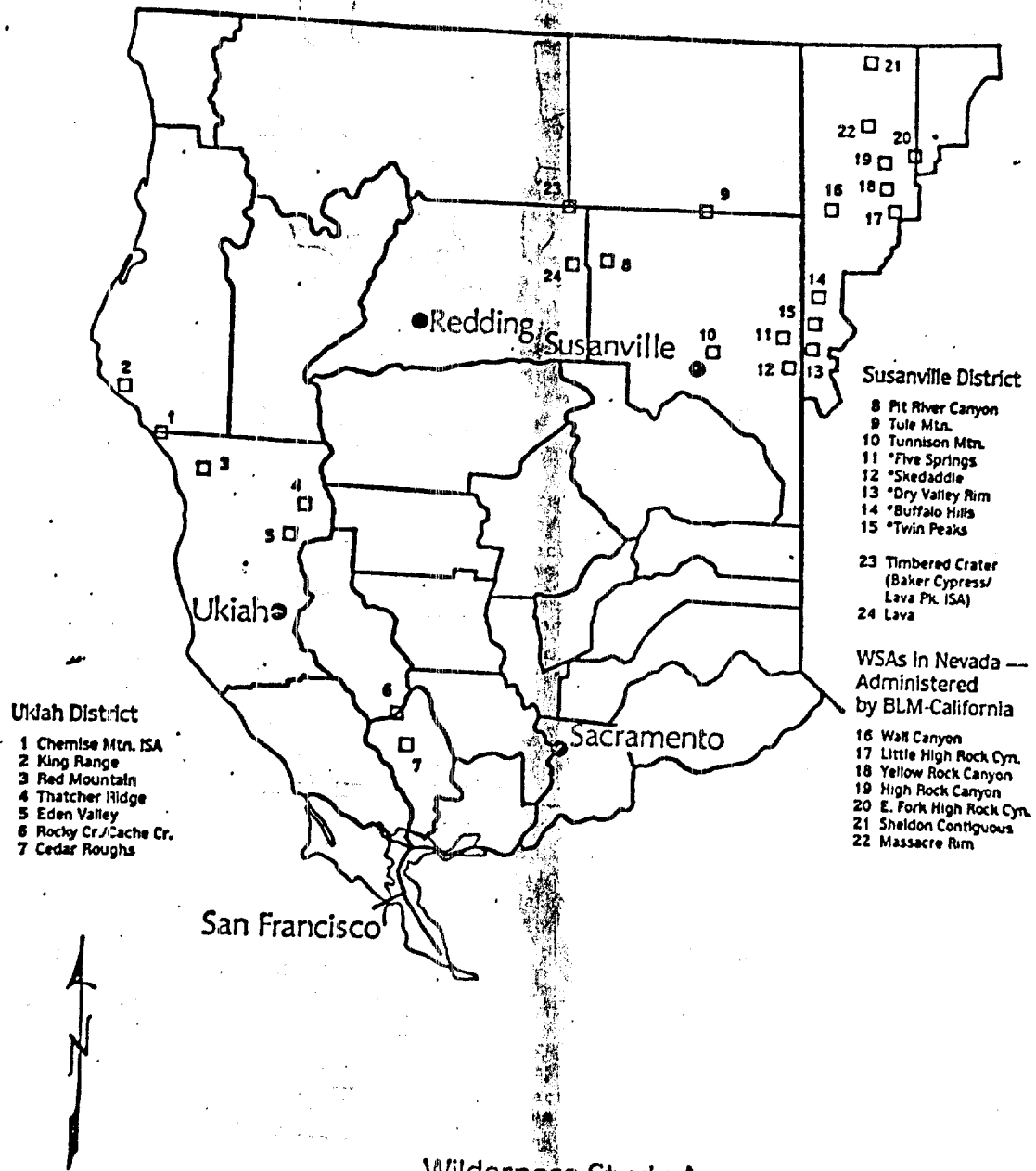
Additionally, acreages under study for possible wilderness designation in California total 8.6 million acres. Included is:

U.S. Forest Service	1.7 million
Bureau of Land Management	6.3 million
National Park Service	.6 million

Acreages administratively endorsed for wilderness designation totals 1.9 million acres. This includes:

National Park Service (Death Valley)	1.9 million
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Northern California



Ukiah District

- 1 Chemise Mtn. ISA
- 2 King Range
- 3 Red Mountain
- 4 Thatcher Ridge
- 5 Eden Valley
- 6 Rocky Cr./Cache Cr.
- 7 Cedar Roughts

Susanville District

- 8 Pit River Canyon
- 9 Tule Mtn.
- 10 Tunnison Mtn.
- 11 *Five Springs
- 12 *Skeddadle
- 13 *Dry Valley Rim
- 14 *Buffalo Hills
- 15 *Twin Peaks
- 23 Timbered Crater (Baker Cypress/ Lava Pk. ISA)
- 24 Lava

WSAs In Nevada — Administered by BLM-California

- 16 Wall Canyon
- 17 Little High Rock Cyn.
- 18 Yellow Rock Canyon
- 19 High Rock Canyon
- 20 E. Fork High Rock Cyn.
- 21 Sheldon Contiguous
- 22 Massacre Rim

Wilderness Study Areas
Administered by BLM-California

*WSA extends into State of Nevada.

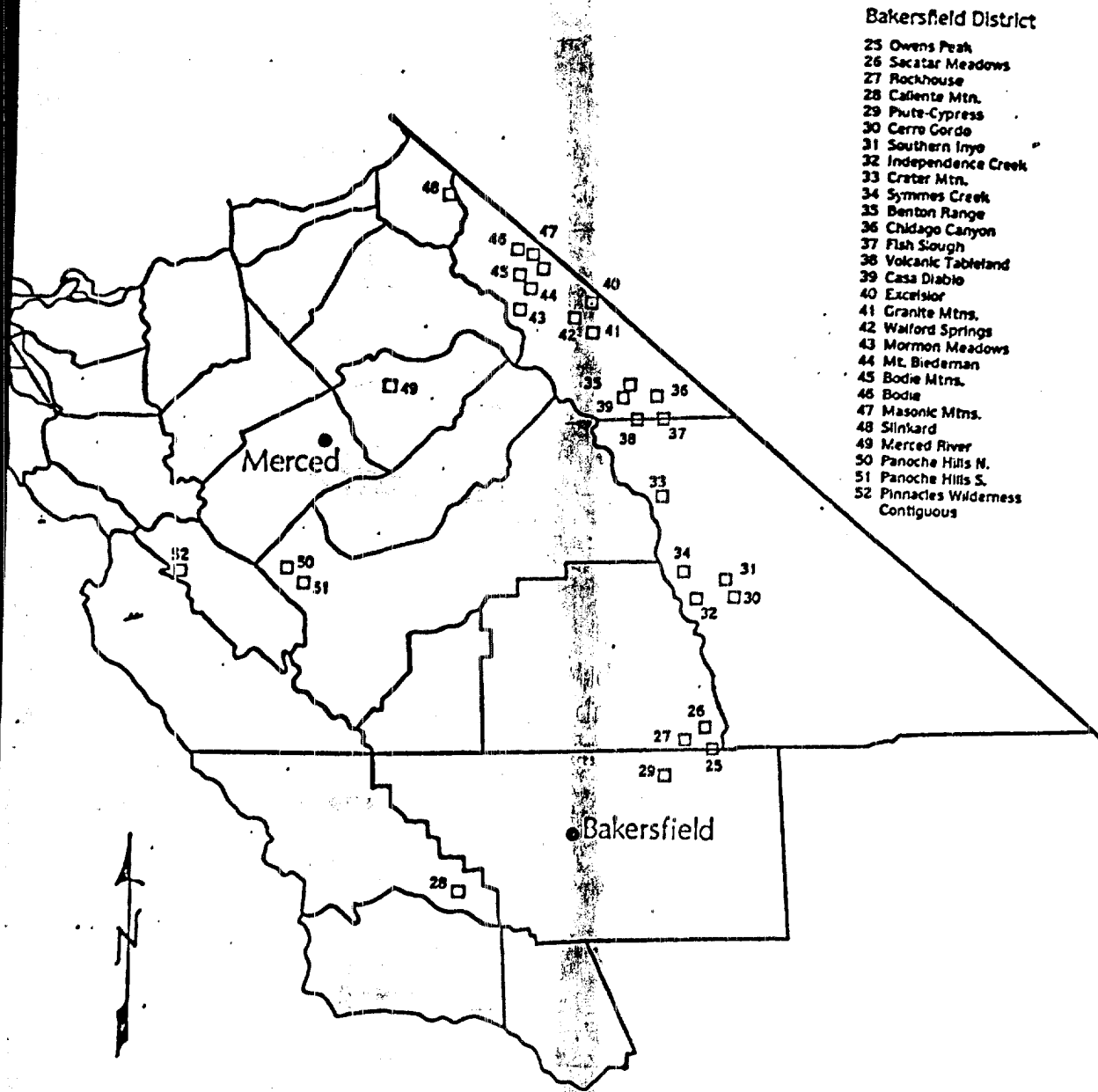
UKIAH DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

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| <p>1. CHEMISE MOUNTAIN ISA
CA-050-111</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,300 acres • Under study <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Humboldt Co. 2,795 ac.
Mendocino Co. 1,505 ac.</p> <p>2. KING RANGE CA-050-112</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32,900 acres • Under study <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Humboldt Co.</p> <p>3. RED MOUNTAIN CA-050-132</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,455 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Mendocino Co.</p> <p>4. THATCHER RIDGE CA-050-212</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17,187 acres • Under study <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Mendocino Co.</p> | <p>5. EDEN VALLEY/MIDDLE FORK
EEL RIVER CA-050-214</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,674 acres • Under study <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Mendocino Co.</p> <p>6. ROCKY CREEK/CACHE CREEK
CA-050-317</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33,582 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lake Co. 26,820 ac.
Yolo Co. 6,762 ac.</p> <p>7. CEDAR ROUGHS CA-050-331</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,183 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Napa Co.</p> |
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SUSANVILLE DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

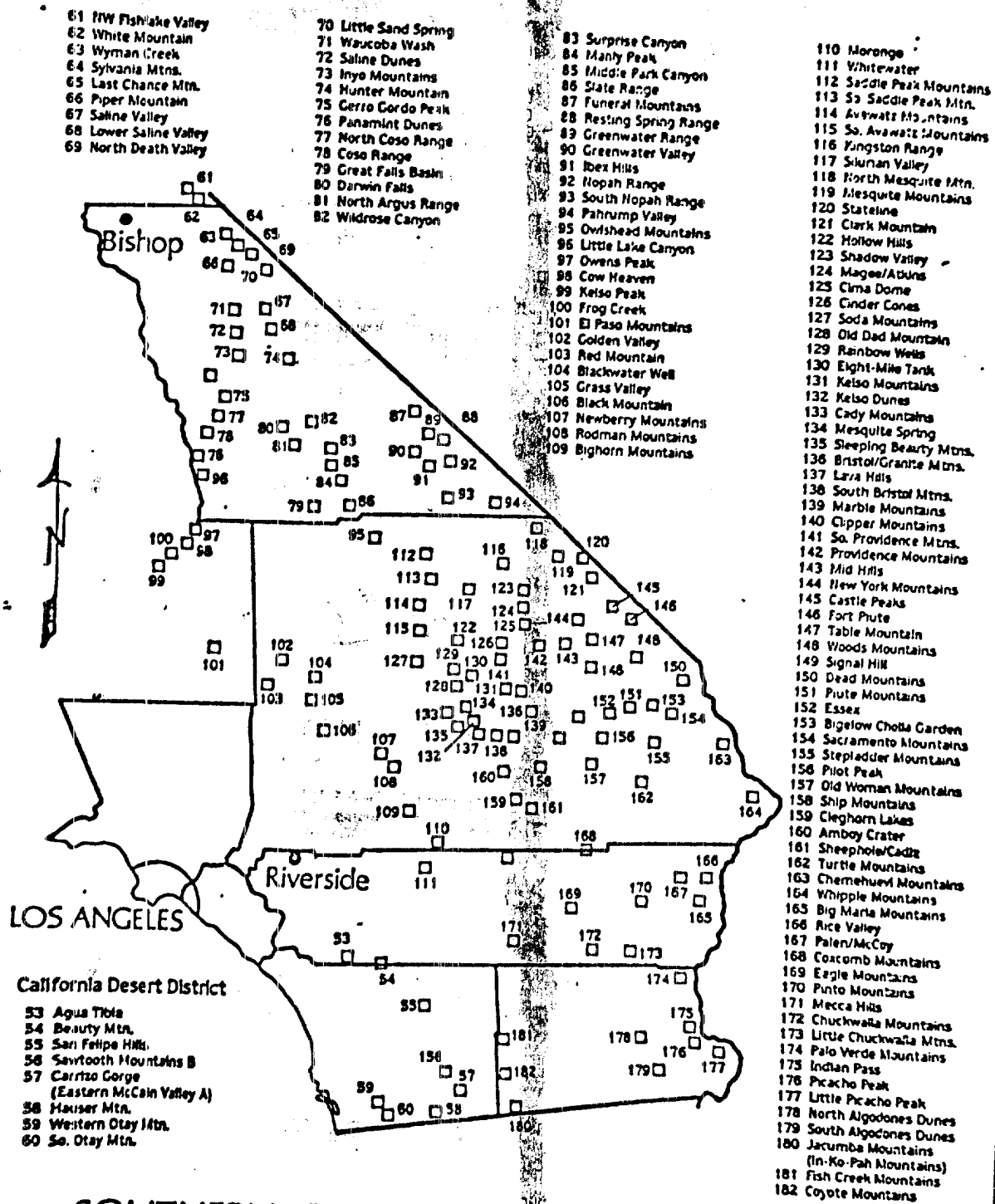
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| <p>8. PIT RIVER CANYON CA-020-103</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,575 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 4,935 ac.
 6,640 ac.</p> <p>9. TULE MOUNTAIN CA-020-211</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,950 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 15,670 ac.
Modoc Co. 1,280 ac.</p> <p>10. TUNNISON MOUNTAIN
CA-020-311</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,650 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 12,990 ac.
 7,660 ac.</p> <p>11. FIVE SPRINGS CA-020-609</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41,460 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 47,100 ac.
Washoe Co. 1,260 ac.</p> <p>12. SKEJDADDLE CA-020-612</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63,790 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 26,590 ac.
Lassen Co. 37,080 ac.
Washoe Co. 160 ac.</p> <p>13. DRY VALLEY RIM CA-020-613</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95,025 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 10,990 ac.
Washoe Co. 31,505 ac.
Lassen Co. 7,970 ac.
Washoe Co. 44,560 ac.</p> <p>14. BUFFALO HILLS CA-020-619</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47,315 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 810 ac.
Washoe Co. 46,435 ac.</p> | <p>15. TWIN PEAKS CA-020-619A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91,405 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lassen Co. 16,420 ac.
Washoe Co. 20,015 ac.
Lassen Co. 7,700 ac.
Washoe Co. 47,270 ac.</p> <p>16. WALL CANYON CA-020-805</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45,790 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co.</p> <p>17. LITTLE HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913/NV-020-008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52,143 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co. 34,700 ac.
Humboldt Co. 123 ac.
Washoe Co. 15,860 ac.
Humboldt Co. 1,460 ac.</p> <p>18. YELLOW ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13,050 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co.</p> <p>19. HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-913B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33,300 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co. 21,320 ac.
 11,980 ac.</p> <p>20. EAST HIGH ROCK CANYON
CA-020-914/NV-020-006A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52,000 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co. 15,460 ac.
Humboldt Co. 8,610 ac.
Washoe Co. 25,870 ac.
Humboldt Co. 2,050 ac.</p> | <p>21. SHELDON CONTIGUOUS
CA-020-1012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24,130 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co. 23,350 ac.
 780 ac.</p> <p>22. MASSACRE RIM CA-020-1013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110,000 acres • Nonsuitable • Suitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Washoe Co. 86,740 ac.
 23,260 ac.</p> <p>23. TIMBERED CRATER CA-030-201</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,690 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Shasta Co. 12,209 ac.
Modoc Co. 3,848 ac.
Siskiyou Co. 2,633 ac.</p> <p>24. LAVA CA-030-203</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,632 acres • Nonsuitable <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Shasta Co.</p> |
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Central California



BAKERSFIELD DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

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| <p>25. OWENS PEAK CA-010-028
 • 22,560 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Kern Co. 7,405 ac.
 Tulare Co. 195 ac.
 • Suitable
 Kern Co. 10,510 ac.
 Tulare Co. 4,450 ac.</p> | <p>37. FISH SLOUGH CA-010-080
 • 14,450 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co. 3,780 ac.
 10,670 ac.</p> | <p>49. MERCED RIVER CA-040-203
 • 12,835 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mariposa Co.</p> |
| <p>26. SACATAR MEADOWS CA-010-027
 • 18,175 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Tulare Co. 6,728 ac.
 • Suitable
 Tulare Co. 10,007 ac.
 Inyo Co. 640 ac.</p> | <p>38. VOLCANIC TABLELAND CA-010-081
 • 11,840 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co. 8,290 ac.
 Mono Co. 3,550 ac.</p> | <p>50. PANOCHÉ HILLS NORTH CA-040-301A
 • 6,677 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Fresno Co.</p> |
| <p>27. ROCKHOUSE CA-010-029
 • 36,097 acres
 • Under study
 Tulare Co. 29,262 ac.
 Kern Co. 6,835 ac.</p> | <p>39. CASA DIABLO CA-010-082
 • 9,167 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | <p>51. PANOCHÉ HILLS SOUTH CA-040-301B
 • 11,267 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Fresno Co.</p> |
| <p>28. CALIENTE MOUNTAIN CA-010-042
 • 19,018 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Luis Obispo Co.</p> | <p>40. EXCELSIOR N 1/2 CA-010-088
 • 9,100 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | <p>52. PINNACLES WILDERNESS CONTIGUOUS CA-040-303
 • 5,838 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Benito Co. 2,238 ac.
 Monterey Co. 1,400 ac.
 • Suitable
 Monterey Co. 2,200 ac.</p> |
| <p>29. WHITE-CYPRESS ISA CA-010-048
 • 3,578 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Kern Co.</p> | <p>41. GRANITE MOUNTAINS CA-010-090
 • 56,741 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>30. CERRO GORDO CA-010-053
 • 16,102 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>42. WALFORD SPRINGS CA-010-092
 • 13,200 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>31. SOUTHERN INYO CA-010-058
 • 36,600 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 • Suitable
 Inyo County 9,180
 27,420</p> | <p>43. MORMON MEADOWS CA-010-094
 • 7,280 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>32. INDEPENDENCE CREEK CA-010-057
 • 6,250 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>44. MT. BIEDEMAN CA-010-095
 • 12,420 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>33. CHATER MOUNTAIN CA-010-062
 • 7,260 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>45. BODIE MOUNTAINS CA-010-099
 • 23,360 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>34. SYMMES CREEK CA-010-064
 • 8,130 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>46. BODIE CA-010-100
 • 15,455 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>35. BENTON RANGE CA-010-077
 • 4,052 acres
 • Under Study
 Mono Co.</p> | <p>47. MASONIC MOUNTAINS CA-010-102
 • 6,600 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | |
| <p>36. CHIDAGO CANYON CA-010-079
 • 20,248 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> | <p>48. SLINKARD CA-010-105/
 NY-030-531
 • 6,350 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co. 3,520 ac.
 Alpine Co. 2,830 ac.</p> | |



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 Wilderness Study Areas
 Administered by BLM-California

CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

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| <p>53. AGUA TIBIA CA-060-002
 • 360 acres
 • Suitable
 Riverside Co.</p> <p>54. BEAUTY MOUNTAIN CA-060-0201
 • 11,342 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Diego Co. 3,662 ac.
 Riverside Co. 7,680 ac.</p> <p>55. SAN FELIPE HILLS CA-060-023
 • 3,265 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>56. SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS B CA-060-0248
 • 24,696 acres
 • Nonsuitable 4,011 ac.
 • Suitable 20,685 ac.
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>57. CARRIZO GORGE (E. McCAIN VALLEY A) CA-060-025A
 • 14,573 acres
 • Nonsuitable 2 ac.
 • Suitable 14,571 ac.
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>58. HAUSER MOUNTAIN CA-060-027C
 • 5,489 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>59. WESTERN OTAY MOUNTAINS CA-060-028
 • 5,750 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>60. SOUTH OTAY MOUNTAINS CA-060-029
 • 7,940 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 San Diego Co.</p> <p>61. NORTH WEST FISH LAKE VALLEY CDCA-102
 • 12,585 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co.</p> <p>62. WHITE MOUNTAINS CDCA-103
 • 7,784 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Mono Co. 7,089 ac.
 Inyo Co. 695 ac.</p> <p>63. WYMAN CREEK CDCA-105
 • 5,729 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>64. SYLVANIA MOUNTAINS/PIGEON SPRING CDCA-111
 • 14,983 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>65. LAST CHANCE MOUNTAINS CDCA-112
 • 36,287 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>66. PIPER MOUNTAINS CDCA-115
 • 69,282 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>67. SALINE VALLEY CDCA-117
 • 405,215 acres
 • Nonsuitable 63,922 ac.
 • Suitable 341,293 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>68. LOWER SALINE VALLEY CDCA-117A
 • 6,560 acres
 • Nonsuitable 4,508 ac.
 • Suitable 2,052 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>69. NORTH DEATH VALLEY CDCA-118
 • 7,951 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>70. LITTLE SAND SPRING CDCA-119
 • 32,876 acres
 • Suitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>71. WAUCOBA WASH CDCA-120
 • 11,465 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>72. SALINE DUNES CDCA-121
 • 5,760 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>73. INYO MOUNTAINS CDCA-122
 • 87,145 acres
 • Nonsuitable 14,379 ac.
 • Suitable 72,766 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>74. HUNTER MOUNTAIN CDCA-123
 • 23,604 acres
 • Nonsuitable 10,390 ac.
 • Suitable 13,214 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>75. CERRO GORDO PEAK CDCA-124
 • 56,690 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>76. PANAMINT DUNES CDCA-127
 • 90,427 acres
 • Nonsuitable 15,771 ac.
 • Suitable 74,656 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>77. NORTH COSO RIDGE CDCA-130
 • 8,102 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> | <p>78. COSO RANGE CDCA-131
 • 24,873 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>79. CREST FALL BASIN CDCA-132
 • 5,972 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>80. DARWIN FALLS CDCA-132A
 • 8,319 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>81. NORTH ARGUS RANGE CDCA-132B
 • 21,099 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>82. WILD ROSE CANYON CDCA-134
 • 36,949 acres 20,940 ac.
 • Nonsuitable 16,009 ac.
 • Suitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>83. SURPRISE CANYON CDCA-136
 • 52,696 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>84. MANLY PEAK CDCA-137
 • 33,390 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>85. MIDDLE PARK CANYON CDCA-137A
 • 8,532 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>86. SLATE RANGE CDCA-142
 • 89,528 acres 51,523 ac.
 • Nonsuitable 38,005 ac.
 • Suitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>87. FUNERAL MOUNTAINS CDCA-143
 • 46,529 acres
 • Nonsuitable 32,820 ac.
 • Suitable 13,709 ac.
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>88. RESTING SPRINGS RANGE CDCA-145
 • 113,860 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>89. GREENWATER RANGE CDCA-147
 • 123,131 acres
 • Nonsuitable
 Inyo Co.</p> <p>90. GREENWATER VALLEY CDCA-148
 • 57,400 acres 33,960 ac.
 • Nonsuitable 23,440 ac.
 • Suitable
 Inyo Co.</p> |
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- 91. IBEX HILLS CDCA-149
 - 13,929 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co.
- * 92. NOPAH RANGE CDCA-150
 - 111,630 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 32,750 ac.
 - Inyo Co. 78,880 ac.
- 93. SOUTH NOPAH RANGE CDCA-150A
 - 13,779 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 94. PAHRUMP VALLEY CDCA-154
 - 33,914 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - Inyo Co.
- 95. OWLSHEAD MOUNTAINS CDCA-156
 - 113,901 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 4,271 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 109,630 ac.
- 96. LITTLE LAKE CANYON CDCA-157
 - 25,207 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 1,627 ac.
 - Inyo Co. 23,580 ac.
- 97. OWENS PEAK CDCA-158
 - 36,523 acres
 - Kern Co. 21,814 ac.
 - Nonsuitable 17,387 ac.
 - Suitable 4,427 ac.
 - Inyo Co. 14,559 ac.
 - Nonsuitable 4,220 ac.
 - Suitable 10,339 ac.
 - Tulare Co. 250 ac.
 - Suitable 250 ac.
- 98. COW HEAVEN CDCA-159
 - 5,564 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Kern Co.
- 99. KELSO PEAK CDCA-160B
 - 6,825 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Kern Co.
- 100. FROG CREEK CDCA-163
 - 9,225 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Kern Co.
- 101. EL PASO MOUNTAINS CDCA-164
 - 17,064 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 9,000 ac.
 - Kern Co. 12,064 ac.
- 102. GOLDEN VALLEY CDCA-170
 - 32,208 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 9,621 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 26,587 ac.
- 103. RED MOUNTAIN CDCA-172
 - 7,040 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 104. BLACKWATER WELL CDCA-173
 - 7,260 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 105. GRASS VALLEY CDCA-173A
 - 13,875 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 106. BLACK MOUNTAIN CDCA-186C
 - 7,602 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 107. NEWBERRY MOUNTAINS CDCA-206
 - 21,968 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 2,628 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 19,340 ac.
- 108. RODMAN MOUNTAINS CDCA-207
 - 25,037 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 8,137 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 16,900 ac.
- 109. BIGHORN MOUNTAINS CDCA-217
 - 51,930 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 40,058 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 11,872 ac.
- 110. MORONGO CDCA-218
 - 6,400 acres
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 111. WHITEWATER CDCA-218A
 - 9,610 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Riverside Co. 1,623 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - Suitable 7,987 ac.
 - Riverside Co.
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 112. SADDLE PEAK MOUNTAINS CDCA-219
 - 8,611 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 113. SOUTH SADDLE PEAK MOUNTAINS CDCA-220
 - 5,320 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 114. AVAWATZ MOUNTAINS CDCA-221
 - 87,831 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 115. SOUTH AVAWATZ MOUNTAINS CDCA-221A
 - 29,435 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 116. KINGSTON RANGE CDCA-222
 - 255,058 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Inyo Co. 14,060 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 214,425 ac.
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co. 26,553 ac.
- 117. SILURIAN VALLEY CDCA-222A
 - 17,064 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 118. NORTH MESQUITE MOUNTAINS CDCA-223
 - 23,125 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 119. MESQUITE MOUNTAINS CDCA-225
 - 44,317 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 120. STATELINE CDCA-225A
 - 8,105 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 121. CLARK MOUNTAIN CDCA-227
 - 14,107 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 122. HOLLOW HILLS CDCA-228
 - 26,422 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 123. SHADOW VALLEY CDCA-235A
 - 10,452 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 124. MAGEE/ATKINS CDCA-237
 - 11,092 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 125. CIMA DOME CDCA-238B
 - 15,333 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 126. CINDER CONES CDCA-239
 - 44,992 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable 13,987 ac.
 - San Bernardino Co. 31,005 ac.
- 127. SODA MOUNTAINS CDCA-242
 - 106,611 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.

- 128. OLD DAD MOUNTAIN CDCA-243
 - 49,301 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 129. RAINBOW WELLS CDCA-244
 - 16,019 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 130. EIGHT-MILE TANK CDCA-245
 - 18,714 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 131. KELSO MOUNTAINS CDCA-249
 - 64,273 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 132. KELSO DUNES CDCA-250
 - 150,030 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 107,180 ac.
 - 42,850 ac.
- 133. CADY MOUNTAINS CDCA-251
 - 65,177 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 134. MESQUITE SPRING CDCA-251A
 - 14,447 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 135. SLEEPING BEAUTY MOUNTAINS CDCA-252
 - 18,333 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 136. BRISTOL/GRANITE MOUNTAINS CDCA-256
 - 72,206 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 42,560 ac.
 - 29,646 ac.
- 137. LAVA HILLS CDCA-258
 - 18,423 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 138. SOUTH BRISTOL MOUNTAINS CDCA-258A
 - 23,238 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 139. MARBLE MOUNTAINS CDCA-259
 - 29,178 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 140. CLIPPER MOUNTAINS CDCA-260
 - 37,787 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 141. SOUTH PROVIDENCE MOUNTAINS CDCA-262
 - 23,938 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 5,985 ac.
 - 17,953 ac.
- 142. NORTH PROVIDENCE MOUNTAINS CDCA-263
 - 54,343 acres
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 143. MID HILLS CDCA-264
 - 13,300 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 144. NEW YORK MOUNTAINS CDCA-265
 - 35,583 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 145. CASTLE PEAKS CDCA-266
 - 44,160 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 4,857 ac.
 - 39,303 ac.
- 146. FORT PIUTE CDCA-267
 - 37,561 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 11,050 ac.
 - 26,511 ac.
- 147. TABLE MOUNTAIN CDCA-270
 - 7,556 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 148. WOODS MOUNTAINS CDCA-271
 - 37,758 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 149. SIGNAL HILL CDCA-272
 - 32,477 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 150. DEAD MOUNTAINS CDCA-276
 - 29,411 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 151. PIUTE MOUNTAINS CDCA-288
 - 17,063 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 152. ESSEX CDCA-288A
 - 10,984 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 153. BIGELOW CHOLLA GARDEN CDCA-290
 - 9,136 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 154. SACRAMENTO MOUNTAINS CDCA-292
 - 36,450 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 155. STEPLADDER MOUNTAINS CDCA-294
 - 111,685 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 156. PILOT PEAK CDCA-295
 - 23,434 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 157. OLD WOMAN MOUNTAINS CDCA-299
 - 100,826 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 158. SHIP MOUNTAINS CDCA-300
 - 17,889 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 159. CLEGHORN LAKES CDCA-304
 - 26,912 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 160. AMBOY CRATER CDCA-304A
 - 13,414 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 161. SHEEPHOLE/CADIZ CDCA-305
 - 135,827 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
- 162. TURTLE MOUNTAINS CDCA-307
 - 229,241 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 124,040 ac.
 - 105,201 ac.
- 163. CHEMEHUEVI MOUNTAINS CDCA-310
 - 57,229 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 1,280 ac.
 - 55,949 ac.
- 164. WHIPPLE MOUNTAINS CDCA-312
 - 81,543 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 16,208 ac.
 - 65,340 ac.
- 165. BIG MARIA MOUNTAIN CDCA-321
 - 50,538 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Riverside Co.
- 166. RICE VALLEY CDCA-322
 - 48,845 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Riverside Co.
- 167. PALEN/McCOY CDCA-325
 - 239,878 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 137,478 ac.
 - 102,400 ac.
- 168. COXCOMB MOUNTAINS CDCA-328
 - 61,524 acres
 - Nonsuitable
 - Suitable
 - Riverside Co.
 - San Bernardino Co.
 - 15,577 ac.
 - 14,747 ac.
 - 31,200 ac.

169. EAGLE MOUNTAINS CDCA-334
● 49,723 acres
● Nonsuitable 7,016 ac.
● Suitable 42,707 ac.
Riverside Co.
170. PINTO MOUNTAINS CDCA-335
● 24,710 acres
● Nonsuitable
● San Bernardino Co. 8,470 ac.
Riverside Co. 16,240 ac.
171. MECCA HILLS CDCA-343
● 19,006 acres
● Nonsuitable 12,794 ac.
● Suitable 6,212 ac.
Riverside Co.
172. CHUCKWALLA MOUNTAINS CDCA-348
● 126,057 acres
● Nonsuitable
Riverside/Imperial Co. 68,745 ac.
● Suitable
Riverside/Imperial Co. 57,312 ac.
173. LITTLE CHUCKWALLA MOUNTAIN CDCA-350
● 44,422 acres
● Nonsuitable
Riverside Co. 42,182 ac.
Imperial Co. 2,240 ac.
174. PALO VERDE MOUNTAINS CDCA-352
● 27,839 acres
● Nonsuitable
Imperial Co.
175. JULIAN WASH (INDIAN PASS) CDCA-355
● 26,070 acres
● Nonsuitable 2,165 ac.
● Suitable 24,902 ac.*
Imperial Co.
*Includes 997 acr outside WSA
176. PICACHO PEAK CDCA-355A
● 6,300 acres
● Nonsuitable 2,606 ac.
● Suitable 5,478 ac.*
Imperial Co.
*Includes 1,724 acres outside WSA
177. LITTLE PICACHO PEAK CDCA-356
● 41,320 acres
● Nonsuitable
Imperial Co.
178. NORTH ALGODONES DUNES CDCA-360
● 23,412 acres
● Suitable
Imperial Co.
179. SOUTH ALGODONES DUNES CDCA-362
● 54,101 acres
● Nonsuitable
Imperial Co.
180. JACUMBA MOUNTAINS (IN-KO-PAH MOUNTAINS) CDCA-368
● 31,298 acres
● Nonsuitable 4,376 ac.
● Suitable 26,922 ac.
Imperial Co.
181. FISH CREEK MOUNTAINS CDCA-372
● 15,706 acres
● Nonsuitable 1,885 ac.
● Suitable 13,821 ac.
Imperial Co.
182. COYOTE MOUNTAINS CDCA-373
● 11,034 acres
● Nonsuitable
Imperial Co.