

EXHIBIT 12

*Letter of E. Hastey, BLM State Director
to R. McDonald, Inyo County Bd. Of Supervisors (Apr. 10, 1979)
(from Inyo County files)*



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Mr. Richard McDonald, Chairman
Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Courthouse, P.O. Drawer F
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Attached for your information is an advance copy of the map delineating Public Lands in the California Desert Conservation Area which have been inventoried for wilderness values as directed by Section 603 of FLPMA and Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

This inventory has been completed, and I have designated Wilderness Study Areas as shown on the map. The Federal Register notice announcing this designation is scheduled for publication Friday, March 30, 1979. Copies of the enclosed map and an accompanying book which: (1) contains Descriptive Narratives applicable to each numbered area on this map; (2) lists the designated Wilderness Study Areas; and (3) describes the procedures to be followed in implementing the study phase of the wilderness review process on these designated areas; will be available to the general public on March 30, 1979. Copies of all documents will be sent to you as a routine matter on that date.

The wilderness review process on Public Lands within the California Desert Conservation Area began in April 1978, as an accelerated program in order to complete inventory of the wilderness resource within a time frame that would coordinate with completion of the California Desert Plan by September 30, 1980, as mandated by Section 601 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Hastey
State Director



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