

# EXHIBIT 16

*Memo. from Inyo County Planning Comm'n to Inyo County Board of Supervisors  
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**INYO**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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November 28, 1978

**TO:** The Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** The Planning Commission  
**RE:** Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Inventory

The Planning Commission at its regular meeting of November 21, 1978 conducted its review and consideration of the program being carried out by the Bureau of Land Management to inventory potential wilderness areas. The Planning Commission determined that its primary concern is with maintaining future opportunities for resource utilization and mineral production along with the protection of private property owners and their ability to have a reasonable use of their land. These concerns are felt by the Planning Commission to be paramount and should guide the Bureau of Land Management in its preparation of recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Planning Commission believes furthermore that the concept of defensible boundaries should also be followed in determining any area as being suitable for wilderness designation. This is to say that any area in the desert regions of Inyo County considered suitable for wilderness should be characterized by a perimeter area which is both unique and easily identifiable.

The Planning Commission recommends that the County continue to work closely with the Bureau of Land Management and review the draft recommendations that are expected to be forthcoming sometime in mid-1979.

Sincerely,

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