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Comments: Leslie, thanks for the direction to that info. That's exactly what I was looking for! Of course, as you may have expected, that document leads to a plethora of questions. I will start with one that, in our eyes, pertains to the Oil and Gas SEIS.

In appendix C I see a few areas that did not qualify for "Suitable for Wilderness" and the reason was listed as stated for each: "Wilderness designation is not considered in any alternative because of the area's existing level of mineral development."

While I do understand what this might be saying, it is not clear as to what this means in each scenario. Many of these areas do not have a single active oil and gas well within it's boundaries and in some cases not within several miles of its boundary. This seems to contradict the "..... area's existing level of mineral development" decision. However, my assumption is that this somehow pertains to the mineral status within those areas being leased. Is this a correct assumption? If so, is there any information on how many acres of minerals are leased in these areas that is preventing them from attaining a "Suitable for Wilderness" Status.

This information would be relevant to our comment on the Oil and Gas SEIS and we do not see any analysis in the SEIS that addresses this situation. Is there anyone in the DPG staff that can provide information and data to enlighten us regarding this situation?

Thank you Brock Wahl