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Subject: RE: Inventoried roadless and Land and Resources Management Plan EIS question
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There are people who would be able to answer your question Brock, but I believe they are all furloughed. I am under strict orders to only work on certain projects, so sadly I'll defer researching this question. However I'll share it with Mac and Casey in case they are able to pull a response together prior to the government getting back to business. Please, if you don't get a response, remind us of your question when the government reopens for business. LF



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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

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Brock - It turns out that the information you are looking for, I believe, actually is available on line here: https://www.fs.fed.us/ngp/plan/feis_chpts_appx.htm

I think what you are looking for is located in Appendix C. So we won't need to complete a FOIA after all. If you don't see what you are looking for though, please do let me know. Have a great week. LF



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Leslie, thanks your quick response and Mac for your speedy inquiry.

What I am searching for is the evaluations for each roadless or non motorized area so that I can see the reasons for why an area did or did not qualify for "Suitable for Wilderness".

Please let me know if you need more specifics.

Thanks again to you both!

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Hi Brock and Mac – I just checked on the DPG LRMP website here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/dpg/landmanagement/planning> but sadly, the FEIS and appendices are not posted. I was hoping to point to the information responsive to the question on IRA rating criteria (if I understand the question correctly). Since this information isn't out on the web, I suggest Brock submit his request in response to this email, and I'll create a FOIA and share the requested information that way. If I understand the question correctly, and I'm pretty sure I don't, but even so, I believe the response is available in the analysis completed for the LRMP. So it should be fairly easy to provide via FOIA. Let me know if I'm in the ballpark of information you'd like to see. Thanks - LF



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