

The various areas involved in these recommendations are shown on page 18 of the Secretary's report and on the display maps.

Areas F and 5 (2,598 acres) in Horse Creek: These areas were not included in the original Forest Service proposal. However, further study in light of the views presented at the hearings revealed that these areas are suitable for wilderness. Their inclusion would extend the wilderness for nearly 2 miles along a major access trail and place the very scenic Boedeker Butte in the wilderness. The proposed boundary follows major and minor ridges and water courses that are well defined on the ground.

The administration's proposal recommends that the following areas now a part of the Stratified Primitive Area not be included in the Washakie Wilderness.

Area 1 (8,602 acres), Middle Fork of Wood River.

This drainage contains approximately 900 acres of patented mining claims in the Dundee Mountain-Bald Mountain-Smuggler Gulch area of the Stratified Primitive Area.

The studies made by the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines revealed that there is potential for copper, molybdenum, and other minerals outside the patented lands in this drainage. Active exploratory work is being done in this district.

The boundaries of the proposed wilderness in this area have been placed on natural ridges and streams which are readily recognizable.

Area 2 (634 acres), Lean-to Creek.

This area is not included in our proposal because it is primarily valuable and needed for recreation development.

Areas 3 and 4 (3,443 acres), Lincoln Point-Wiggins Fork. Areas 3 and 4 are now part of the Stratified Primitive Area but we recommend they not be included in the proposed wilderness.

Those who recommend against this suggest that the areas include outstandingly scenic lands, under the escarpment, which should be included for their scenic, esthetic and natural foreground values. They suggest that the boundary be placed along the foot of the slope.

Our primary consideration is the need to establish a satisfactory boundary. In the Wiggins Fork and Caldwell Creek areas we have recommended a boundary which follows a series of small ridges and drainages to connect prominent topographic features. The proposed line will be readily recognizable by users and will prevent accidental violations of the wilderness. The boundary is placed on features which provide the best possible shield for the wilderness resource inside from nonwilderness activities outside the boundary. A line could be drawn to include the face of the escarpment, but it would require extensive surveying and signing to make it recognizable to the visiting public.

Area 3 also contains lands which are needed to meet long term public needs for auto access recreation and to provide a take-off place for travel into the wilderness.

Area 6 (1,331 acres), Parque Creek and Ramshorn Basin.

We recommend that area 6 not be included in the wilderness because it faces into areas from which timber has been harvested.

The existing boundary follows an indefinite line across the face of a slope. The proposed boundary follows prominent topographic features.

The Ramshorn Basin will be an important recreation area, and will be managed for other resource use. These nonwilderness activities would erode the wilderness resource on the slopes of area 6.