

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**
New Mexico

Wilderness Study Areas

Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) are roadless areas that have been inventoried and found to have wilderness characteristics as described in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Wilderness Act of 1964. FLPMA directed the BLM to identify its roadless areas and study them for their suitability for preservation as Wilderness. At the end of the study, BLM was required to provide a recommendation as to the suitability or non-suitability of each of those areas. The study of BLM lands in New Mexico was completed and a recommendation provided in September of 1991. WSAs are managed so as not to impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness until Congress decides to permanently protect them as Wilderness, or release them from WSA status to non-wilderness uses. For more on WSAs, see: www.blm.gov/nlcs/wsa/faq.htm

Following is a list of the 58 BLM-managed WSAs in New Mexico, totaling 958,751 acres. Contact the individual **Field Offices** for additional information about these WSAs.

Carlsbad:	Acres
Devil's Den Canyon	320
Lonesome Ridge	3,505
McKittrick Canyon	200
Mudgetts	2,941

Farmington:	Acres
Ah-shi-sle-pah	6,563

Las Cruces	Acres
Aden Lava Flow	25,287
Alamo Hueco Mountains	16,264
Apache Box	7,161
Big Hatchet Mountains	65,872
Blue Creek	14,896
Brokeoff Mountains	31,606
Cedar Mountains	14,911
Cooke's Range	19,608
Cowboy Spring	6,699
Culp Canyon	10,937
Florida Mountains	22,336
Gila Lower Box	8,555
Gray Peak	14,678
Guadalupe Canyon	4,146
Hoverrock	22
Las Uvas Mountains	11,067
Mount Riley	8,488
Organ Mountains	7,283

Organ Needles	7,604
Peloncillo Mountains	4,061
Pena Blanca	4,780
Robledo Mountains	12,946
West Potrillo Mountains	148,697

Rio Puerco	Acres
Cabazon	8,159
Canyons	3,930
Chain of Craters	18,300
Chamisa	16,602
El Malpais	21,300
Empedrado	9,007
Ignacio Chavez	33,609
La Lena	10,438
Manzano	881
Ojito	124
Petaca Pinta	11,668

Roswell	Acres
Carrizozo Lava Flow	10,690
Little Black Peak	15,469
Mathers	362

Socorro	Acres
Antelope	20,710
Continental Divide	68,761
Devil's Backbone	8,904
Devils Reach	860
Eagle Peak	43,960
Horse Mountain	5,032
Jornada Del Muerto	31,147
Mesita Blanca	19,414
Presilla	8,680
Sierra de las Canas	12,838
Sierra Ladrones	45,308
Stallion	24,238
Veranito	7,206

Taos	Acres
Rio Chama	12,671
San Antonio	7,050

Total Acres	958,751
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