

**Table 5.0-13 Wilderness areas in the Central Highlands Planning Area**

<b>Wilderness Area</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Basin</b>	<b>Description</b>
Apache Creek	5,488	Verde River	Three springs and important riparian area including Apache Creek
Bear Wallow	11,336	Salt River (part)	Alpine forest of mixed conifers and aspens. Bear Wallow drainage with rich streamside habitat.
Castle Creek	25,536	Agua Fria	Bradshaw Mountains, prominent granite peaks, vegetation range from saguaro to pine
Cedar Bench	16,127	Verde River	Located along Verde Rim, borders portion of Verde Wild and Scenic River
Fossil Creek	10,400	Verde River	Extremely diverse riparian area, 1,600 foot deep canyon, travertine deposits, springs
Granite Mountain	9,747	Verde River	Mountain characterized by granite boulders, some the size of a house, stacked one atop the other to elevations that exceed 7,600 feet.
Hassayampa River Canyon	11,840	Upper Hassayampa	Includes several miles of the Hassayampa River and riparian habitat.
Hellsgate	37,399	Tonto Creek	Major canyon, Tonto Creek with deep pools of water and impassable falls
Juniper Mesa	7,708	Verde River	Flat topped mesa, great variety of wildlife
Mazatzal	250,053	Verde River, Tonto Creek	Mazatzal Mountains, chaparral and pine vegetation with narrow, vertical walled canyons. Includes portion of Verde Wild and Scenic River
Munds Mountain	18,069	Verde River	Munds and Lee mountains, Jacks, Woods and Rattlesnake canyons, Courthouse Butte and Bell Rock
Pine Mountain	20,100	Agua Fria, Verde River	Island of tall timber, surrounded by brush-covered desert mountains with hot, dry mesas and deep canyons.
Red Rock Secret Mountain	48,263	Verde River	Red rock pinnacles, arches and slot canyons, rock art and prehistoric dwellings
Salome	18,515	Salt River	Upper/perennial reaches of Salome Creek and Workman Creek
Salt River Canyon	32,088	Salt River	Portions of the Salt River and spectacular canyon
Sierra Ancha	21,007	Salt River	Box canyons, high cliffs, prehistoric dwellings
Superstition	160,135	Salt River (part)	Rugged mountains, rock formations, large vegetation range, prehistoric dwellings, riparian habitat
Sycamore Canyon	57,916	Verde River	Large canyon with desert riparian area. Extends from near Williams to Verde Valley
West Clear Creek	15,267	Verde River	Deep, narrow canyon with many pools of water
Wet Beaver Creek	6,178	Verde River	Major canyon in red rock rim country
Woodchute	5,553	Agua Fria	Views, ponderosa pine, pinon and juniper
<b>Total Acres in Planning Area</b>	<b>788,000</b>		

Source: BLM 2006, USFS 2007