Proposed WSA Addition-Juniper Mountain Wilderness Characteristics Interdisciplinary Team ID Team Signature Sheet

The following interdisciplinary team reviewed the Juniper Mountain citizen's wilderness proposal in March and September of 2008. The review included an analysis of the routes within the proposed area as well as an evaluation of the wilderness characteristics for each of the smaller units within the proposed area. This signature sheet represents the ID Team member's agreement with the conclusions reached in the road analysis evaluations. Their signature also represents agreement with the wilderness inventory characteristic reviews for the Juniper Mountain WSA proposal. The road analysis forms and wilderness inventory condition assessments are contained in this file.

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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2008	Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-71 Gray's Butte
1. Is there existi	ng BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of

No ___Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): NA

- a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington</u>
 Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980
- b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):_ Gray's Butte
- e) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November, 1980
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): <u>Lakeview District</u>, <u>Lakeview Resource</u> <u>Area</u>, <u>Lakeview</u>, <u>Oregon</u>

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM	25,040	N	N	<u>N</u>	N
Private/State	250				

Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive</u>
Inventory Decisions_November_1980

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: 1-71 Gray's Butte									
(1) Is the unit of sufficient s	ize?								
Current Unit Acres: 25,636	YesX	No							

This unit contains approximately 25,636 acres of BLM-administered land. The unit is bounded by U.S. Highway 395 right-of-way, an unnumbered pipeline access road, and BLM Road 7135 on the west, County Road 3-10 (Hogback Road) on the south, and BLM Roads 6185, 7155, 7155-A, and 6165 on the north and east (see Maps 1 and 2).

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs, and GIS data, all of which were considered during the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes ONDA identified as "ways" are, in fact, still boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified during the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

All the public lands within the unit are administered by the BLM. The unit is located immediately east of Alkali Lake along U.S. Highway 395. The unit is approximately 20 miles long and narrow (one to three miles wide), and runs north-south to encompass the northern portion of Abert Rim and Gray's Butte. The portion of the unit below the rim have been treated and seeded to crested wheatgrass. The areas east of the rim to the eastern boundary road are covered with sagebrush. The upper area has some rolling terrain and several small, ephemeral lakes.

The unit is primarily used for livestock management and receives some recreational use during hunting season. Numerous range improvements/developments are scattered

throughout the unit. A gravel pit is located just inside the northwestern boundary of the unit adjacent to Highway 395 (Map 2).

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additional develops	ments that hat to over the las	ive been construct 25 years, the	nventory and the presence of numerous acted or human disturbances that have D Team agreed with the original inventory
		nding opportu	nities for solitude?

Current Condition Description: The general description of solitude opportunities above is still accurate. Visitors east of the rim would not find solitude due to the flat terrain and narrowness of the unit. West of the rim, the immediate proximity of Highway 395, Highway Well rest stop, and developed private lands preclude any opportunity for solitude as the sights and sounds of human activity in these adjacent areas continuously

topography and the lack of vegetative screening, it was determined in the 1980 Inventory

that the unit did not offer any outstanding opportunities for solitude.

intrudes upon the visitor. The additional 18.8 miles of new internal motorized routes make it even harder for one to avoid the presence of others inside the unit compared to conditions in 1980.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over Juniper Mountain at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one larger contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to its configuration, lack of vegetative screening, proximity to Highway 395, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes	No X	N/A

1980 Unit Description: Recreational activities were described as being limited to some hunting. The cliffs in the area were not found to be suitable for rock climbing. The narrow configuration of the unit did not provide an unconfined area with outstanding recreational potential.

Current Condition Description: The ID Team found the recreational activities were the same as identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping however; it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities due to the narrowness and overall nature of the unit. The obvious human imprints west of the rim and the lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one larger contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory report (2005) identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. Currently, hunting and hiking/camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to actually occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing road system. There is currently no developed trail system (other than existing routes) to encourage hiking, backpacking, or equestrian use in the unit. The unit may offer some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, such use, is associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

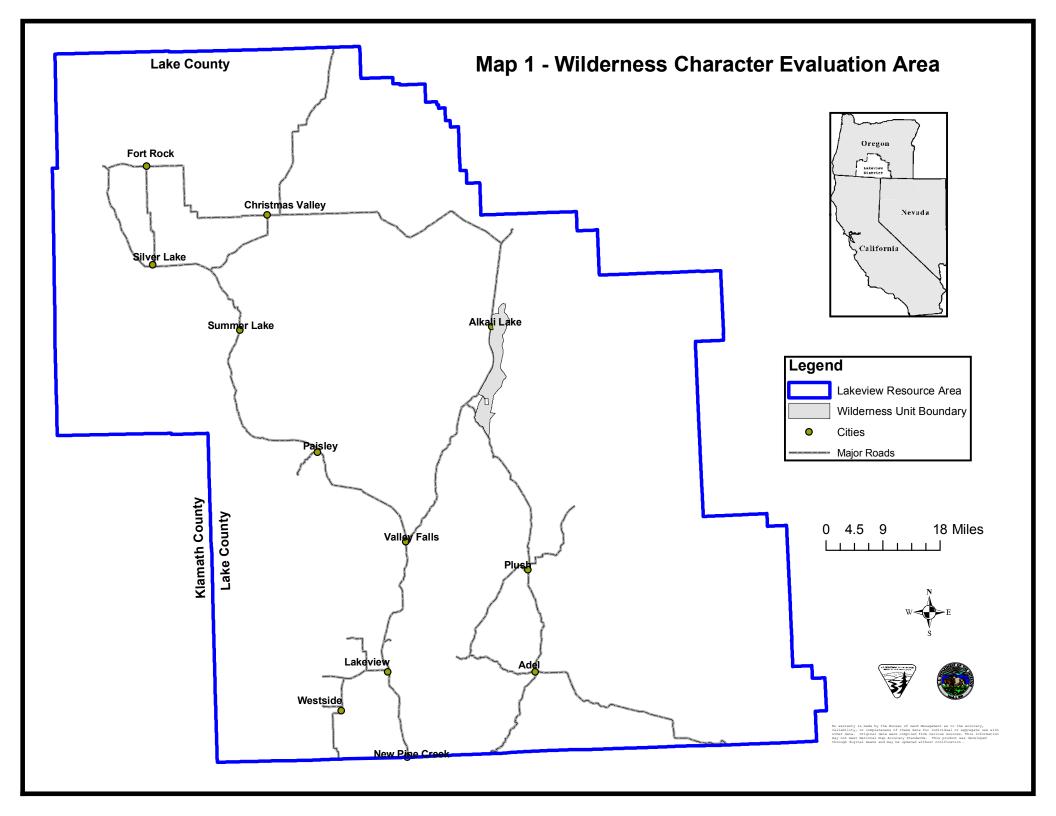
The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments and increased motorized access to the area. The unit does not offer any single outstanding recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

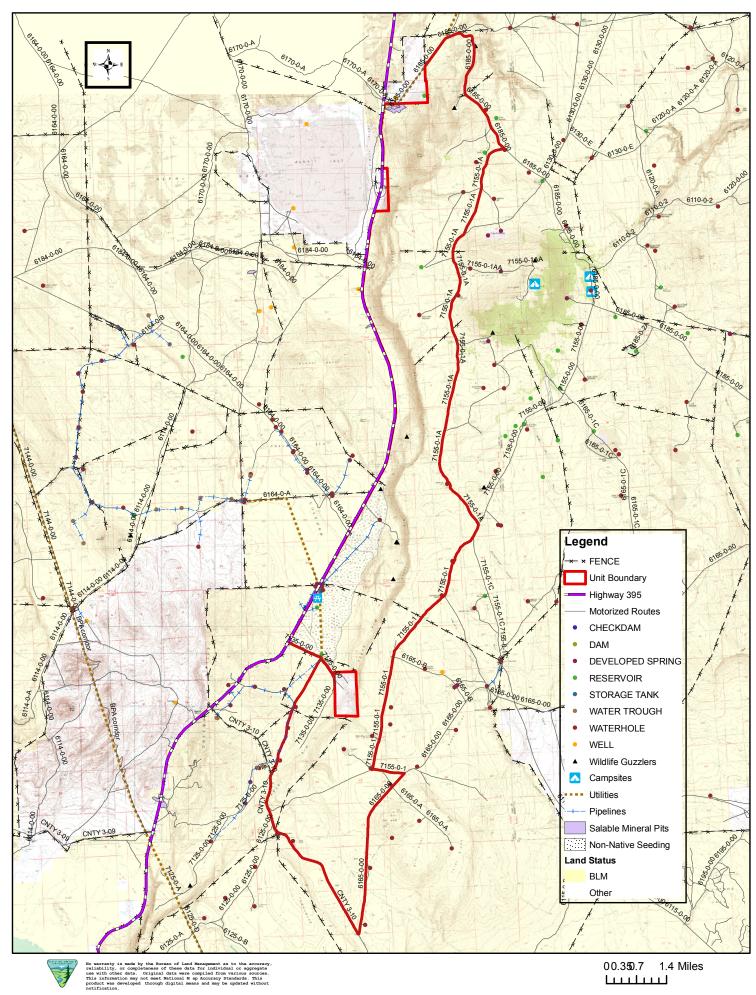
(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?								
	Yes	No	N/A	X				

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-/1 Gray's Butte	
Summary Results of Analysis:	
1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?	_X_YesNo
2. Does the area appear to be natural?	Yes _X_ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for unconfined type of recreation?	solitude or a primitive andYes _X_No
4. Does the area have supplemental values?	YesNo _X_NA
Conclusion: Check One: The area-or a portion of the area-has wildern	ess character.
XThe area does not have wilderness character.	
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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2008 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-72 Juniper Mountain

- 1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?
- No ___Yes _X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): NA
- a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Orcgon and Washington</u> Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980_
- b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-72 Juniper Mountain
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): <u>U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions</u>
 November, 1980
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): <u>Lakeview District</u>, <u>Lakeview Resource</u> Area, Lakeview, Oregon
- 2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM	11,680	N	N	N	N
Private	80				_

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: 1-72 Juniper Mountain

(1) Is	the	unit	of	sufficient	size?
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Yes	X	No	

The unit is bounded by BLM Road 7155-0-1A on the west; BLM Road 6185-0-00 on the north and northeast; BLM Road 7155-0-00 on the east. All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan, are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access the surrounding area, and continue to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road. Thus, these roads form the unit boundary (see Maps 1 and 2).

The original unit was bounded completely by existing roads, as described above, but was further subdivided and evaluated as 3 smaller subunits based on the presences of additional roads that existed at that point in time. For the purposes of this evaluation, the three former subunits are considered one single unit because the routes dividing the subunits no longer appear to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road. This unit currently contains approximately 11,604 acres of BLM-administered land and an 80-acre private inholding. About a quarter mile segment of BLM Road 7155-0-1AA extends into the unit. The remainder of this road was designated for closure in the *Lakeview RMP/ROD* (Map SMA-17, BLM 2003b). However, the closure has not yet been implemented on the ground. Since the current management direction calls for closing the road, all or part of this road could easily be removed from the boundary by implementing the closure or "cherry-stemming" the route.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs, and GIS data, all of which were considered during the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were submitted in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes that ONDA's identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though

not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

This unit is located approximately three miles southeast of Alkali Lake. With the exception of the privately owned 80-acre parcel at Coffee Pot Springs, all lands within the unit are BLM-administered. The unit encompasses Juniper Mountain proper and its southern and northern foot hills. Juniper Mountain rises about 1,300 feet above the surrounding sagebrush flats. Higher elevations support dense western juniper woodlands; lower elevations are a rolling sagebrush plain. The unit is used for livestock grazing and permitted special recreation.

(2)	IS	the	unit	in	a	natural	condition?	

Yes	No	X	N/A
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1980 Unit Description: This unit is dissected by numerous motorized primitive routes and BLM Road 7155-A. This road ascends the west flank of Juniper Mountain and was substantially noticeable from vantage points across much of the unit during the 1980 inventory. Clark Cow Camp, with a corral and buildings, was a substantial imprint on the west side of the unit. Five reservoirs, a wildlife guzzler, and 3.5 miles of permanent livestock fence were also inventoried. The cumulative effect of these developments significantly detracted from the naturalness of the unit and it was determined the unit was not natural.

Current Condition Description: All of the developments described above still exist. The BLM's review of current data related to natural conditions found that some conditions have changed since the 1980 inventory. Additional human developments have occurred since 1980. The vegetation on about two-thirds of the unit has not changed significantly since 1980. However, in 2001, a lightening-caused wildfire burned across the northern third of the unit. Though the fire represents a natural disturbance and may contribute to the ecological diversity of the surrounding area, the fire killed approximately 30-40% of the western juniper overstory on Juniper Mountain proper. Currently, much of the native understory in the burn area is recovering but the vegetative screening has been reduced in the burn area.

About 6,335 acres of this unit immediately surrounding Juniper Mountain was designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a Research Natural Area (RNA) in 2003. This designation recognizes the "relevant and important" natural system/process values of a fully mature old growth juniper woodland in the High Desert Province, as well as providing a good example of an intact western juniper/big sagebrush/Idaho fescue plant community in the Basin and Range Ecosystem. The 2001 wildfire burned about 35% of the ACEC/RNA, killing much of the juniper in this portion of the ACEC/RNA.

The unit currently contains about 0.2 miles of road and 18.3 miles of motorized routes that are not regularly maintained, many of which provide access to water developments. The unit contains an estimated 2.8 miles of fence, 11 developed livestock waterholes, 5 developed springs, 6 reservoirs, 3 wildlife guzzlers, and 42 acres on non-native seeding (Map 2). Remnants of the cow camp are still visible along the west central boundary of the unit. These human imprints are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances.

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

(3) D	oes the	unit have	outstanding	opportunities	for	solitude?
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Yes	No	X	N/A

1980 Unit Description: The previous inventory report concluded that the one subunit that met the size criteria (1-72A) did not provide an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of the subunit's small size and lack of vegetative screening.

Current Condition Description: Considering the three former subunits collectively as a single, larger unit increases the potential for solitude. The topography of Juniper Mountain and the juniper tree cover that remains provides natural screening on less than half of the unit. The southern third and northern quarter of this area are flatter terrain and lack tall vegetative screening; it is more difficult to find solitude in these portions of the unit.

The boundary roads, as described above, along with an increase of 18.5 miles of new internal routes provide increased motorized access to more of the unit, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the solitude experience of others compared to 1980.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over the area at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their Juniper Mountain WSA proposal made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination

process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have declined since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the increased number and location of human developments, the increased motorized access to this area, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

(4) Does the u	ınit have	outstanding	opportunities	for prim	itive and	unconfined
recreation?						

Yes	No	X	N/A

1980 Unit Description: Recreational activities identified included wildlife observation, hunting and trapping. However, due to the motorized access and the number of human made features, the unit was not considered to be an outstanding area for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Current Condition Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. There are a few undeveloped "hunter camps" in the unit adjacent to existing roads and routes (Map 2). Currently, hunting and hiking/camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing route system. There is no developed trail system (other than existing routes) to encourage hiking, backpacking or equestrian use in the unit. The unit offers some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, these activities are associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments and increased motorized access to the area.

The unit does not offer any single outstanding primitive or unconfined recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

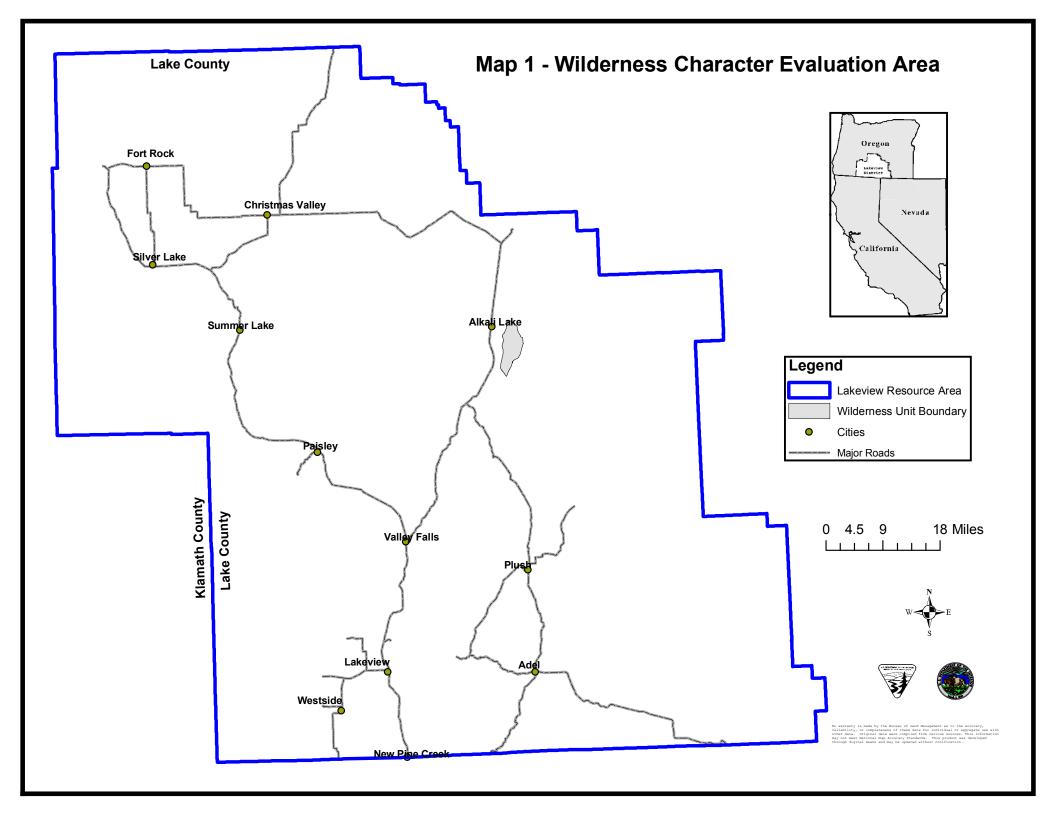
(5) Does the unit have supplemental values'	(5)	Does	the	unit	have	supp	olemental	values?
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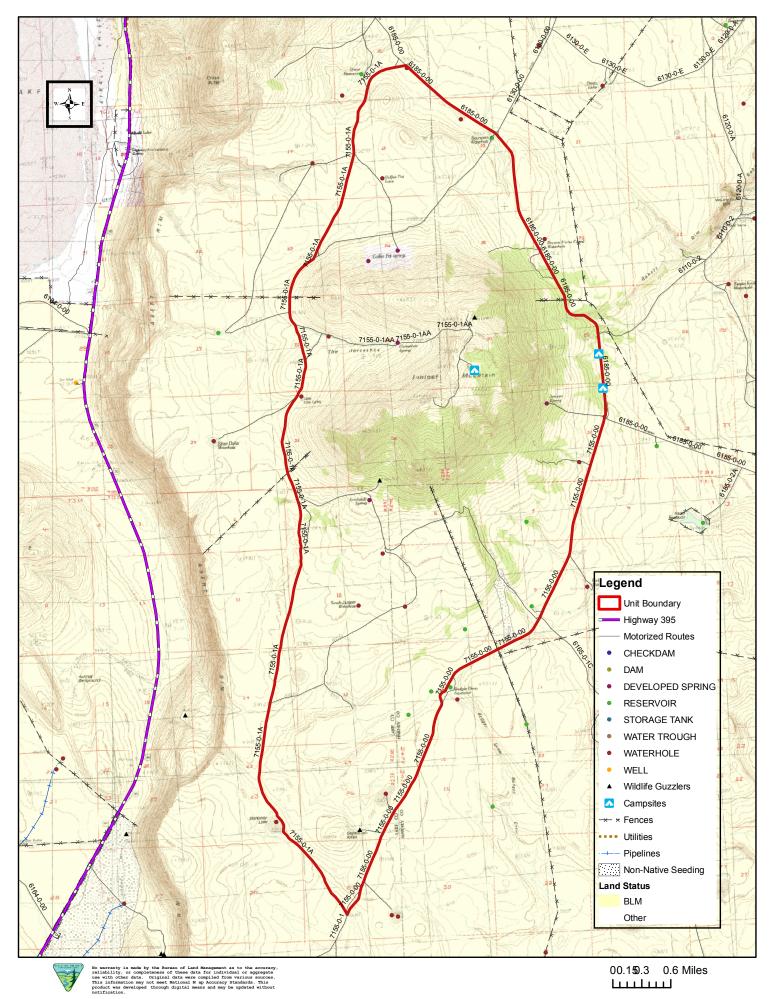
Yes ____ No ___ NA _X_

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-72 Juniper Mountain Summary	
Results of Analysis:	
1. Does the area meet any of the size require	ments? X Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural?	Yes _XNo
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunitunconfined type of recreation?	ties for solitude or a primitive andYes _XNo
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Conclusion Check One:	YesNoX_NA
The area-or a portion of the area-has v	vilderness character.
_X_The area does not have wilderness cha	aracter.
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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2008 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-85 Eagle Butt						
 Is there exithis area? 	sting BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of					
NoYes _X of those units.):	(if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers NA					
,	ource: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington E Inventory Decisions November 1980					
b) Inventory U	nit Name(s)/Numher(s): <u>Eagle Butte</u>					
· ·	s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of ment Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions					

- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): <u>Lakeview District</u>, <u>Lakeview Resource</u> <u>Area</u>, <u>Lakeview</u>, <u>Oregon</u>
- 2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM	13,220	N	N	N	N
Private	0				

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name:	1-85 Eagle Butte	
(1) Is the unit of suffici	ent size?	
Yes _X	No	

The unit is bounded by BLM Roads 7155-0-00 and 7155-0-1C on the west; BLM Road 6165-0-00 on the south and southeast; BLM Road 6165-0-1C on the east. All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan, are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access to the surrounding area, and continue to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Maps 1 and 2).

The original unit was bounded completely by existing roads, as described above, and covered an estimated 13,220 acres (BLM 1980). The current estimate of size, based on GIS data, is 13,899 acres.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs and GIS data with their route and photo point data, all of which were considered as part of the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

This unit includes approximately 13,899 acres of BLM-administered land. It is located about two and one-half miles south of Juniper Mountain proper. The terrain consists of sagebrush covered flats and a few low, rolling hills which add slight topographic relief to

the area. Eagle Butte proper is a small butte located in the southeast corner of the unit. There are eight ephemeral lakes in the unit.

The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, BLM staff administering or monitoring allotments in the area, and hunters.

(2) Is	the	unit	in	a n	atu	ral	condition?	
	Ye	es		No)	X	N/A	

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory found six miles of ways and 11 developed waterholes in the unit. The waterhole developments at Badger Hole Draw were described as extremely obvious imprints of man's work on the landscape. The 1980 inventory concluded that the cumulative impact from water developments and associated access routes resulted in the works of man being substantially noticeable and prevented the unit from satisfying naturalness criteria.

Current Unit Description: Current data related to natural conditions shows that some conditions have changed since 1980. Human imprints on the landscape now total 11.4 miles of internal routes that are not regularly maintained, many of which provide access to water developments. There are now approximately 8.3 miles of fence crossing the center of the unit and 13 developed waterholes and 3 reservoirs scattered throughout the unit. There is also one active Sunstone mining operation operating on a an active claim in a historically mined area covering several acres in Section 4 just southwest of Eagle Butte (Map 2). These developments/human disturbances are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances.

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes	No	X	N/A

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory concluded that it would be "extremely difficult" to escape the sights, sounds, and presence of others within the unit due to flat topography and the lack of vegetative screening. The unit was found not to offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Current Unit Description: The physical characteristics of unit size, terrain, and lack of both vegetative and topographic screening have not changed since the original inventory. The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, BLM staff administering or monitoring allotments, and hunters. The boundary roads, as described above, along with the significant increase in internal routes provide increased motorized

access to more of the unit compared to 1980, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the solitude experience of others.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over Juniper Mountain at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the number and location of human developments/ disturbances, the motorized access to this area, lack of vegetative screening, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes	No	X	N/A	

1980 Unit Description: The unit was described as having the potential for hunting, trapping, and wildlife observation, but these opportunities were not considered to be outstanding. The unit was also identified as lacking any features of high recreation interest.

Current Unit Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping, but it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities. The lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

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The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments/disturbances and increased motorized access to the area. The unit does not offer any single outstanding primitive or unconfined recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

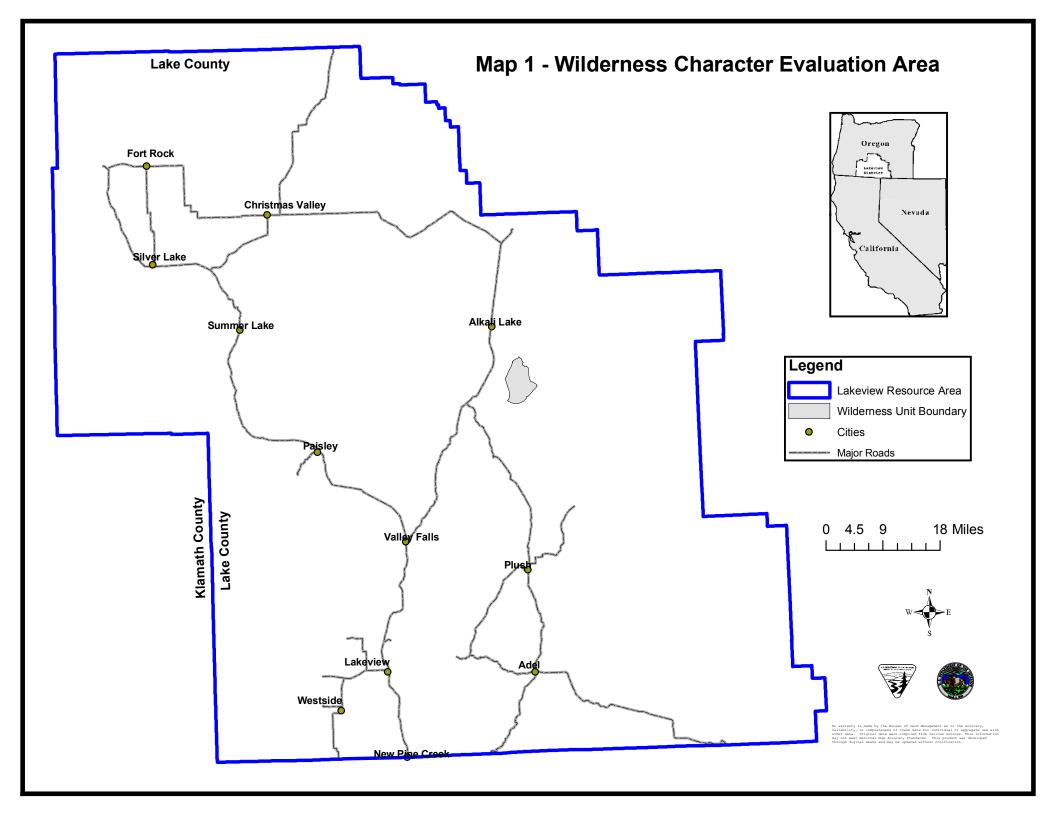
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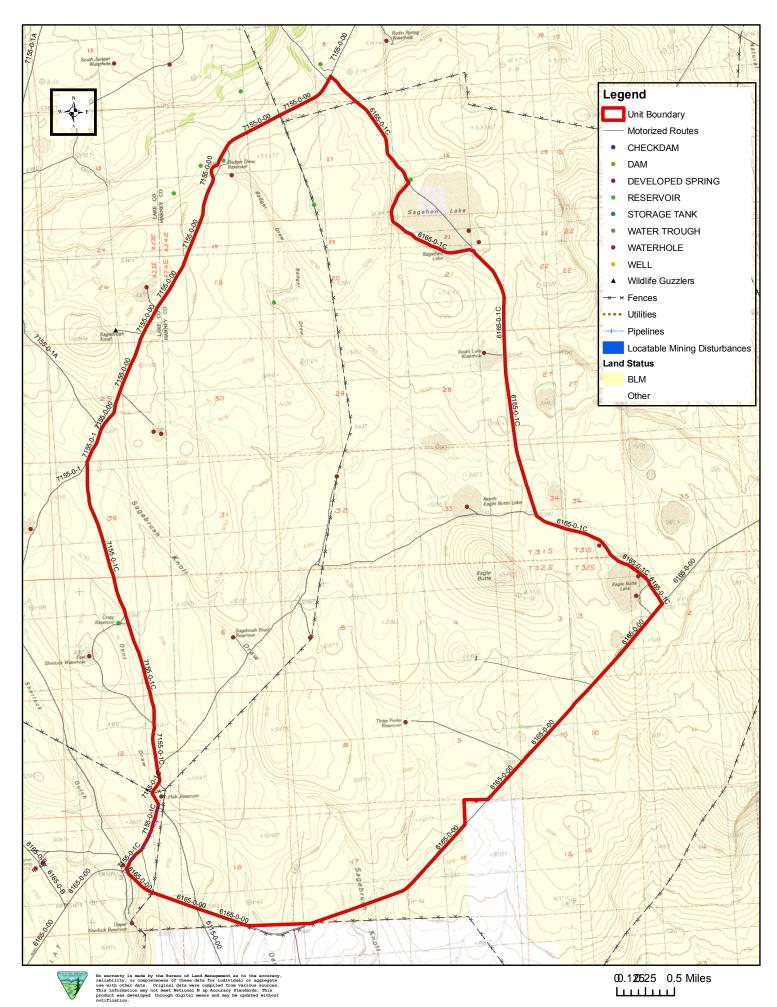
(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: <u>1-85 Eag</u> Summary	de Butte		
Results of Analysis:			
1. Does the area meet any o	of the size requirem	ents? X Yes	No
2. Does the area appear to l	be natural?	Yes	_XNo
3. Does the area offer outst unconfined type of recreation	- 11		r a primitive and _X_ NoNA
4. Does the area have supp	lemental values?	Yes	No _X_NA
Conclusion Check One:			
The area-or a portion	n of the area-has w	ilderness charac	ter.
X_ The area does not	have wilderness ch	aracter.	
Prepared by and Team Member:			
<u>Kim McLean, ORP/Wilderness Co</u> (Name, Title, Date)	ordinator	<u>N</u>	November 28, 2008
ID Team Members: (Names and Titles) Tom Rasmussen, Field Manager Todd Forbes, AFM Natural Resour Paul Whitman, Environmental Prot Bill Cannon, Archaeologist Erin McConnell, Weed Specialist Jayna Ferrell, Range Management (Names and Titles)	tection Specialist		
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Tom Rasmussen, Field Manager	· D	ate	





DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2008 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-86 Natural Corral Draw

- 1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?
- No __Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): NA
- a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington</u>
 <u>Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980</u>
- b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-86 Natural Corral Draw
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): <u>U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November</u>, 1980
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): <u>Lakeview District</u>, <u>Lakeview Resource</u> <u>Area</u>, <u>Lakeview</u>, <u>Oregon</u>

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM	12,500	N	N	N	N
Private	40				

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: 1-86 Natural Corral Draw

(1) Is the uni	it of sufficient s	size?
Yes _	X	No

This unit currently contains approximately 14,155 acres of BLM-administered land. There is an inholding of about 40 acres of private land at Sagehen Lake. The unit is bounded by BLM Roads 7155-0-00 on the northwest; BLM Road 6185-0-00 on the north; BLM Road 6165-0-1C on the west; BLM Road 6165-0-00 on the south (see Maps 1 and 2). All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan. They are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access to the surrounding area and for management purposes, and they meet the wilderness inventory definition of road.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs and GIS data with their route and photo point data, all of which were considered as part of the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes ONDA identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

This unit is located approximately 24 miles north of Plush, Oregon and two miles east of Juniper Mountain proper (Map 1). In 1980, the unit was described as containing approximately 12,500 acres of BLM land and 40 acres of private land. The current estimate of size is based on GIS data and this shows the unit as being 14,155 acres.

The unit is a located on a high plateau with rolling terrain. Big sage, low sagebrush, and grasses are the primary vegetative cover. There are nine ephemeral lakes in the unit, the largest being Sagehen Lake. Topographic relief and vegetative screening are minimal throughout the unit.

The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, hunters, and BLM staff.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?
Yes No_X_ N/A
1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory documented ten developed lakebed pits, four vehicle ways, and one spring development. The cumulative impacts from these developments were substantially noticeable and the unit was identified as not being substantially free from the works of man. Therefore, it was not found to be natural.
Current Unit Description: The unit currently contains 6.5 miles of internal motorized routes that are not regularly maintained, most of which provide access to existing water developments. There are an estimated 8.7 miles of fence crossing the center of the unit and 8 developed waterholes and 4 reservoirs scattered throughout the unit. Most of these human imprints are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances (Map 2).
Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.
(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes No_X_ N/A
1980 Unit Description: Due to the characteristics of the vegetation and topography, the 1980 inventory concluded that an outstanding opportunity for solitude did not exist in this unit. The minor topographic variation of the rolling hills would allow some measure of solitude, but the opportunity for solitude was considered too limited to be outstanding.

Current Unit Description: The unit size, terrain, and lack of screening have not changed since the original inventory. The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, hunters, and BLM staff. The boundary roads, as described above, along with the increase in internal routes provide increased motorized access to more of the unit compared to 1980, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the

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(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes	No	X	N/A

1980 Unit Description: The unit was identified as lacking in characteristics that would lead to an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation. The unit's size and terrain were not suited to backpacking or similar activities. The unit was identified as offering limited opportunities for hunting, and low quality opportunities for hiking and backpacking.

Current Unit Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping, but it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities. The lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

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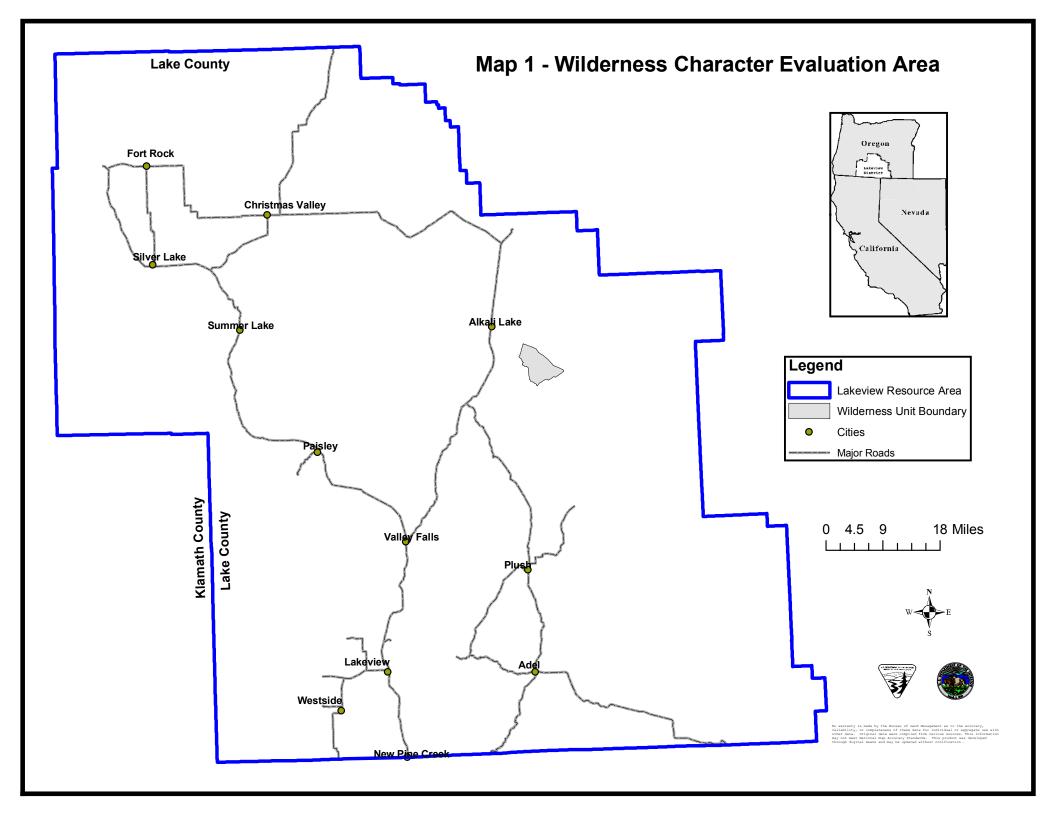
(5) Does the uni	t have supple	mental values?
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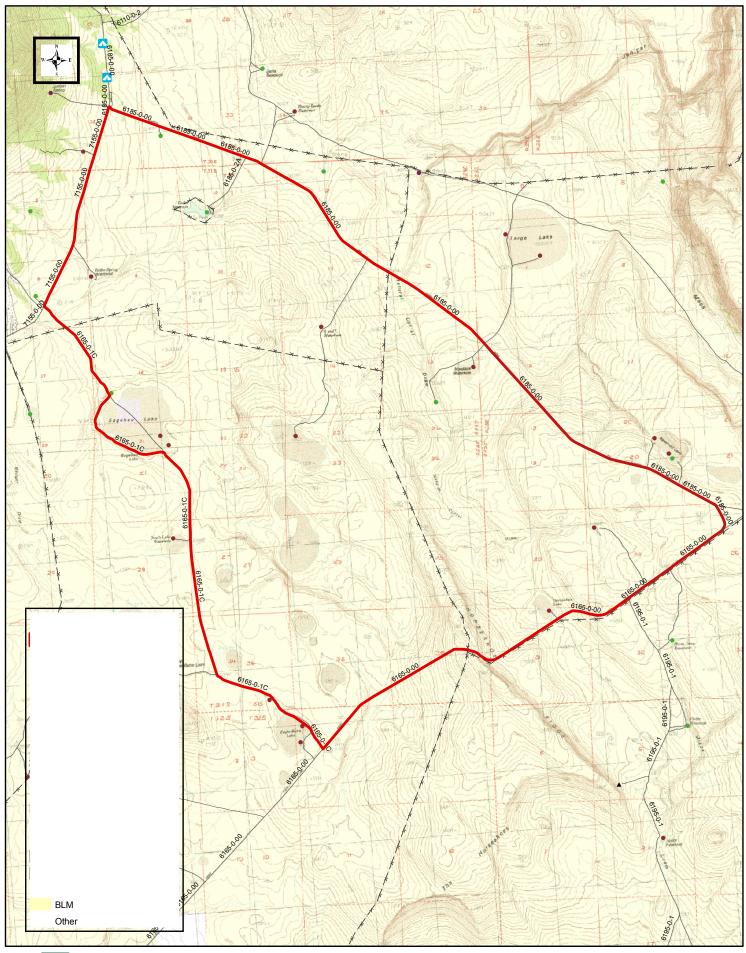
Yes	No	N/A	\mathbf{X}

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-86 Natural Corral Draw	
Summary	
Results of Analysis:	
1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?	_X_ YesNo
2. Does the area appear to be natural?	Yes _X_No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for unconfined type of recreation?	solitude or a primitive andYes _X_ NoNA
4. Does the area have supplemental values?	YesNo _X_ NA
Conclusion Check One:	
The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderne	ess character.
_X_The area does not have wilderness character.	
Prepared by and Team Member:	
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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2008 Inventory Unit Number/Name: <u>Unnumbered Units</u>

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area? This area was not described in the 1980 inventory report and because of this there is no previous information to summarize or use for comparison.

No X Yes __ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): NA

- a) Inventory Source: _______ b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):______
- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):_____
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):_____
- 2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics: Not Applicable

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM					
Private					

Inventory Source: This area was not evaluated in the 1980 wilderness inventory.

(1) Are the units of sufficient size?

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY **CONDITIONS**

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a. Unit Number/Name: <u>Sherlock Gulch North and Sherlock Gulch South</u> (<u>No Numbers; Not Inventoried in 1980)</u>

Yes	No _	X
7155-0-1C on the east, and this previously uninventories 5,317 acres of BLM-adminible bisected by BLM Road 6 the Lakeview Resource Are they are regularly used and road. The individual route a contained in the wilderness wilderness inventory road d	BLM Road area nastered la 165-0-E a's transcontinue analyses inventor efinition 4 acres)	s 7155-0-1 on the west and northwest, BLM Road oad 6165-0-00 on the south. Initially it appeared that net the size criteria. The area covers approximately ands. Upon further examination, the area was found to 3. All of these routes are BLM roads that are part of sportation plan and are still present on the ground; e to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a sare documented on separate road analysis forms ry file. Because these existing routes meet the n, they form the boundary of two units named and Sherlock Gulch South (2323 acres), both of e criteria.
106), but were not inventorifurther study in 1980 due to	ed during the pres	by 1980 Inventory Units (1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1- ng that process. The area was likely eliminated from sence of BLM Road 6165-0-B. Since the 2 units size criteria they have not been evaluated further.
		CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, l summary of major human uses/activities).
(2) Are the units in a natural	ral cond	lition?
Yes No _		N/AX
(3) Do the units have outs	tanding	g opportunities for solitude?
Yes No _		N/AX
(4) Do the units have outst recreation?	anding	opportunities for primitive and unconfined
Yes No _		N/AX

(5) Do the units have supplemental values?			
Yes	No	N/A _	_X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Sherlock Gulch North and Sherlock Gulch South (No Numbers) Summary Results of Analysis: 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes X No Yes No X NA 2. Does the area appear to be natural? 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____Yes ____ No _X_NA Yes No X NA 4. Does the area have supplemental values? Conclusion Check One: The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness character. X The area does not have wilderness character. Prepared by and Team Member: Kim McLean, ORP/Wilderness Coordinator November 28, 2008 (Name, Title, Date) **ID Team Members:** (Names and Titles) Tom Rasmussen, Field Manager Todd Forbes, AFM Natural Resources Paul Whitman, Environmental Protection Specialist Bill Cannon, Archaeologist Erin McConnell, Weed Specialist Jayna Ferrell, Range Management Specialist Approved by:

