

FORM 1

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Bell Rim Area

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

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

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory: Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington, April 1979, pages 7-8. and Wilderness Review: Initial Inventory, Final Decisions on Public Lands Obviously Lacking Wilderness Characteristics and Announcement of Public Lands to be Intensively Inventoried for Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington, August 1979, pages 15-16.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): OR-015-018

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon: Final Decision, Initial Wilderness Inventory; Public Lands and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics and Units to be Intensively Inventoried, August, 1979.

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Lakeview Resource 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	(-)5,000	NA	NA	NA	N/A

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: Bell Rim Area

(1) **Is the unit of sufficient size?** Yes _____ No X_____

Boundary Determination: In 2006 thru 2010, the BLM conducted field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventories. This field work included photo documentation of the potential unit boundary routes. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed an analysis of the motorized routes within the Bell Rim Area in September of 2010. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The units in the Bell Rim Area are bounded by a combination of roads, private lands, and right-of-ways. Units are bounded by County Roads; 5-10 (Fort Rock Road), 5-13 (Pitcher Lane), 5-13C (Peaceful Lane), 5-13B (Mattis Lane), 5-10C (Connley Lane), BLM Roads; 6167-A0 (Schumaker), 6167-00 (Community Well), 6187-00 (Lasater Reservoir), 6119-00 (Gubsher Well), 6119-A0 (Gualdin Well), 6157-00 (West Paulina), 6157-A0 (Black Hills), Bell Rim Road, two unnumbered roads, and State Highway 31 ROW. (Note: Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Historically, one of the inventory units (1-18), located in the southern part of the Bell Rim Area, met the minimum size requirement at 6,500 acres. In August, 1979 however, a decision was made to eliminate the unit from further review, based on the determination that the road running north to south through the middle of the unit (6157-A0) effectively split it into two separate units each less than 5,000 acres, therefore not meeting the minimum criteria for having wilderness character.

The Bell Rim Area contains approximately 33,198 acres of BLM-administered land and 5,200 acres of private in-holdings. Based on the current boundary determinations, there are nineteen inventory units (Map 2). After doing area calculations, the BLM found that all nineteen of these units are under the minimum 5,000 acres size requirement.

The average size of a unit within the Bell Rim Area is approximately 1747 acres. None of these units lie immediately adjacent to areas currently managed for wilderness/road less character or meet any of the other exceptions to the size requirements. Based on these unit boundaries and size determinations, there was no need for the BLM ID team to evaluate these units further. Additional background on the process that the BLM ID team followed during this evaluation is contained in the document, *Wilderness Inventory Maintenance Process for the Lakeview Resource Area*, BLM contained in the wilderness inventory file.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

The Bell Rim Area is located four miles northwest of Silver Lake, Oregon (Map 1). The terrain consists of low hills and broken rims. The vegetation consists of big sagebrush and scattered juniper.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition? Yes ____ No ____ N/A X

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The natural character within this area was not described in the previous inventory due to the units failing to meet the size criteria.

Current Condition Description: The natural character within this area was not evaluated because the units still fail to meet the size criteria.

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

Yes ____ No ____ N/A X

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The solitude opportunity within the area was not described in the previous inventory due to the units failing to meet the size criteria.

Current Condition Description: Current solitude opportunities were not evaluated because the units still fail to meet the size criteria.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes ____ No ____ N/A X

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The primitive recreation opportunity within the area was not described in the previous inventory due to the units failing to meet size criteria.

Current Condition Description: Current recreation opportunities were not evaluated because the units still fail to meet the size criteria.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values? Yes ____ No ____ NA X

Previous Inventory Unit Description: This area was not evaluated for supplemental values during the previous inventory.

Current Condition Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated during the current inventory as the units still fail to meet size criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Bell Rim Area

Summary Results of Analysis:

1. Do the areas meet the size requirements? Yes No
2. Do the areas appear to be natural? Yes No N/A
3. Do the areas offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No N/A
4. Do the areas have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Conclusion (*Check One*):

- The area, or a portion of the areas, have wilderness character.
 The areas do not have wilderness character.

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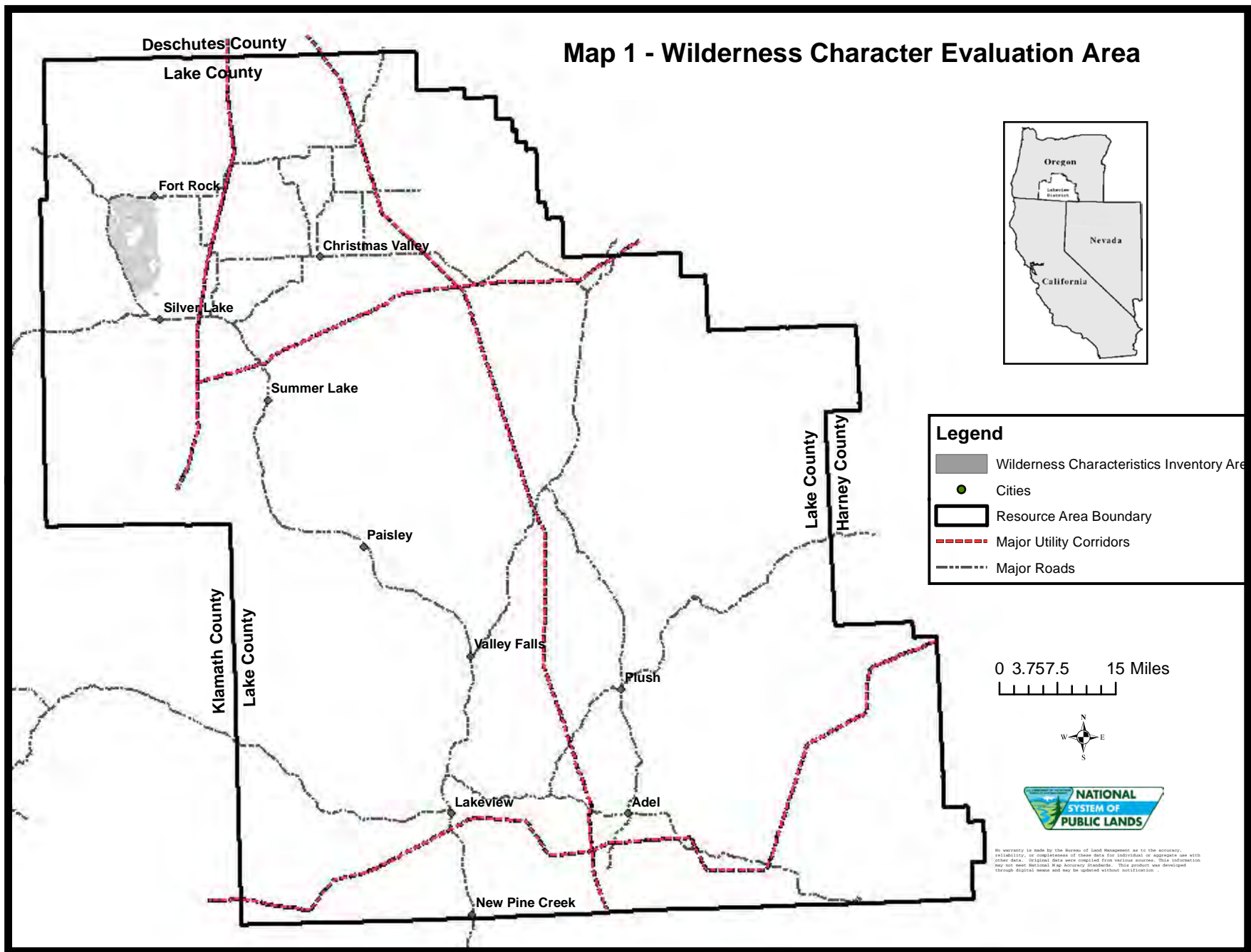
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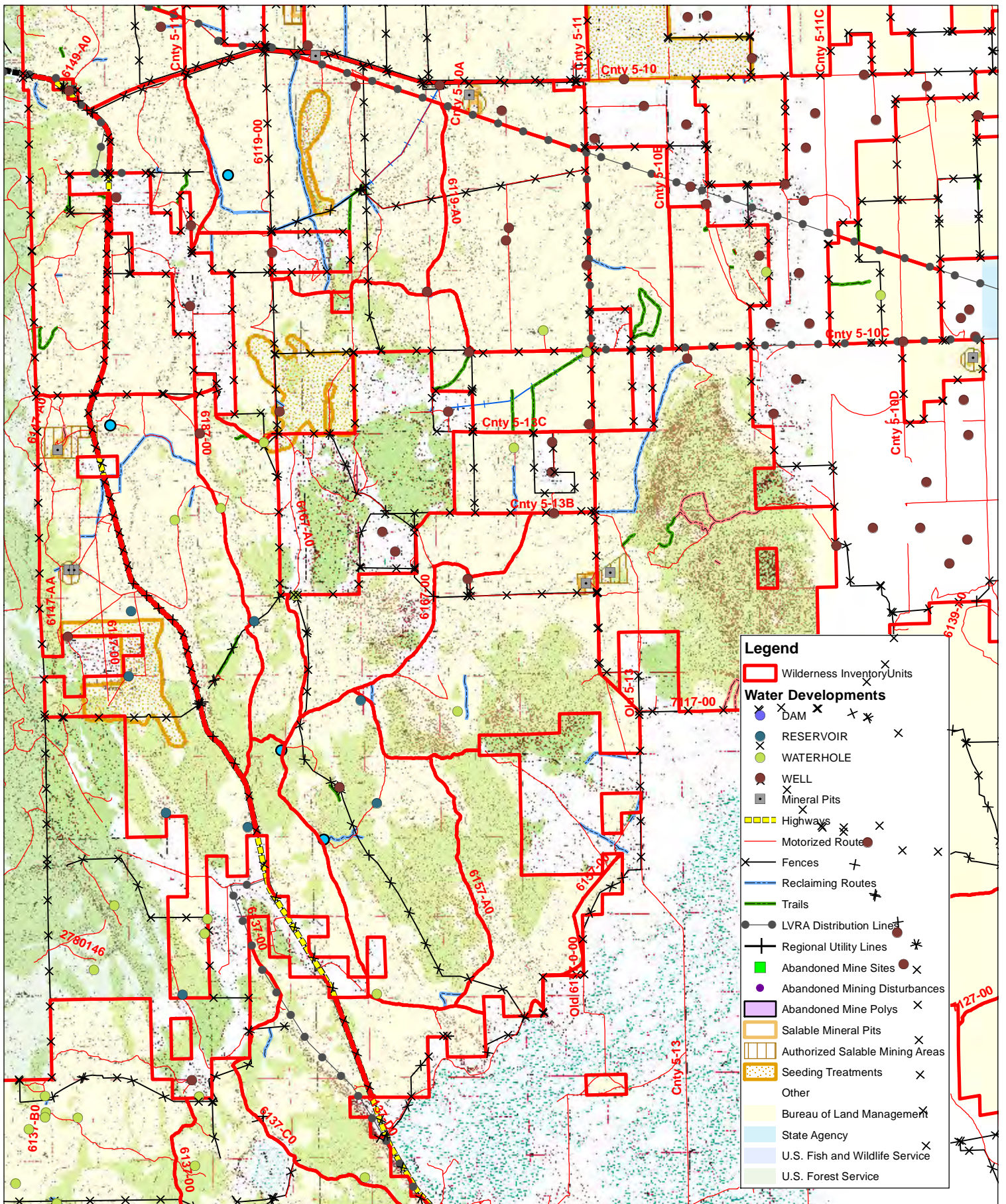

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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area





Map 2 - Wilderness Character in Bell Rim Area

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