

**FORM 1**

**DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD**

Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-205/Oatman Flat Unit

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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	NA

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: Oatman Flat Unit

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

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 boundary routes and some of the interior 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 Oatman Flat Area in September of 2010. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file. Historically, none of the inventory units in the area met the size requirement of 5,000 acres.

Based on the unit current boundaries and size determinations, the BLM ID team, after concluding the most recent road evaluations for this unit, created a total of eight inventory units (Map 2). After doing area calculations, the BLM found that seven of these units are under the minimum 5,000 acres size requirement, with the exception of the Oatman Flat Unit at 7,238 acres.

The Oatman Flat inventory unit is bordered by Forest Service land in the north and west, BLM Route 6137-00 and an unnumbered road in the east, County Road 4-10 to the south, and completely encompasses a private inholding/residence. One isolated segment of BLM road 6137-00 with a ROW, forms a cherry-stem boundary in the south central portion of the unit (Map 2).

(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).

The Oatman Flat Unit currently contains approximately 7,238 acres of BLM-administered land and 230 acres of private in-holdings (Map 2). The BLM ID team subsequently evaluated the wilderness characteristics within this unit. The results are contained in the following section. 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 inventory unit is located immediately west of Silver Lake, Oregon, in the general vicinity of Oatman Flat (Map 1). The unit is gradually sloping terrain with juniper and sagebrush.

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

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

**Current Condition Description:** There are currently 3 constructed reservoirs, 5 check dams, 9 waterholes and approximately 6.2 miles of pasture division fence within the unit. There are approximately 17.6 miles of primitive motorized routes and 2.3 miles of reclaiming routes located mostly in the center of the unit. The reservoirs and fences are scattered across the unit. Four mineral pits (3.1 acres) and a 230 acre private inholding/residence are located in the southern portion of the unit in close proximity to County Road 4-10 (Map 2).

Approximately 410 acres of the Oatman Flat inventory unit was mechanically treated to remove invasive juniper starting in 2006. Juniper treatments are intended to move the vegetation towards a more natural condition over time, but are at present substantially noticeable, especially when on the high ground of the unit looking eastward and down the gradual slope toward Silver Lake. Also, a portion of this unit is designated as a public firewood cutting area and is actively being used. All of the disturbances are substantially noticeable within close proximity (about one quarter mile) and are less noticeable from further distances.

This unit was not previously inventoried due to lack of size. With no historical documentation it is difficult to ascertain how the unit has changed with regard to the impact of man on naturalness. There is a 2.3 mile portion of road 6137-00 in the middle of the unit that is now reclaiming. This reclaiming route segment is the primary reason this unit now exceeds the minimum size requirement of 5,000 acres.

These man-made disturbances are scattered throughout the unit, cannot be feasibly excluded from the unit, and cumulatively detract from the natural quality of the area. Although there are portions in the western side of the unit that demonstrate less man-made influence, the ID team determined that overall, the unit currently is not in a natural condition as the imprints of man are substantially noticeable across most of the unit.

(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 unit failing to meet the size criteria.

**Current Condition Description:** Current solitude opportunities were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness criteria.

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

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

**Current Condition Description:** Recreation opportunities were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness criteria.

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

**Previous Inventory Unit Description:** The unit was not evaluated for supplemental values during the previous inventory.

**Current Condition Description:** Supplemental values were not evaluated during the current inventory as the unit did not meet the naturalness criteria.

### Summary of Findings and Conclusion

**Unit Name and Number:** Oatman Flat Unit

Summary Results of Analysis:

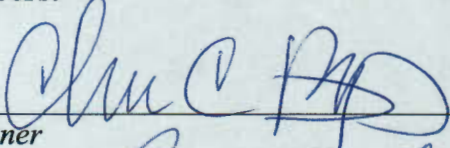
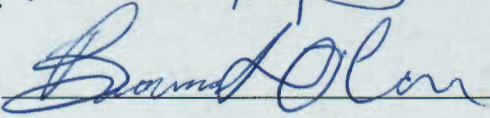
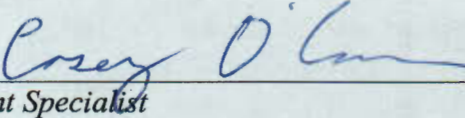
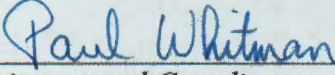
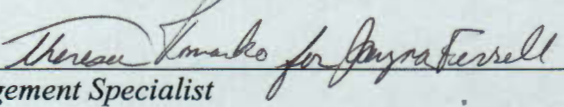
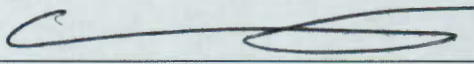
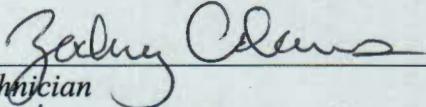
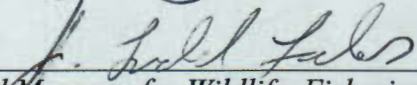
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2. Do the areas appear to be natural?  Yes  No
3. Do the areas offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A
4. Do the areas have supplemental values?  Yes  No  N/A

Conclusion (*Check One*):

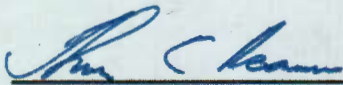
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 The areas do not have wilderness character.

Oatman Flat  
Oatman Flat Unit

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**FORM 1**

**DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
FINDINGS ON RECORD**

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BLM	(-)5,000	NA	NA	NA	Unknown

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: Oatman Flat Area/Unnumbered Units

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

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These units are bounded by a combination of BLM Roads (6137-00, 6137-C0, and Oatman Flat 265), unnumbered roads (Oatman Flat Unnumbered Route#2), County Roads (4-10 Bear Flat Lane), Forest Service roads (#2780281), State Highway 31 right of way, and private land boundaries. A total of 8 units were created (Map 2), seven of which are under the minimum 5,000 acres size requirement. None of these units lie immediately adjacent to areas currently managed for wilderness/roadless character or meet any of the other exceptions to the size requirements. Based on these unit boundary 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 ID team meeting notes and the document, *Wilderness Inventory Maintenance Process for the Lakeview Resource Area, BLM*. Both documents are contained in the wilderness inventory file.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

The inventory units are located immediately west of Silver Lake, Oregon, in the general vicinity of Oatman Flat (Map 1).

**(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 BLM ID team determined that natural character within these inventory units did not need to be evaluated, as the units still failed to meet the size criteria.

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ N/A X

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

**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 the size criteria.

**Current Condition Description:** The BLM ID team determined that primitive recreation opportunities within these inventory units did not need to be evaluated, as the units still failed to meet the size criteria.

**(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ NA

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

**Description Condition Description:** The BLM ID team determined that supplemental values within these inventory units did not need to be evaluated, as the units still failed to meet the size criteria.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number:** Oatman Flat Area/Unnumbered Units

Summary Results of Analysis:

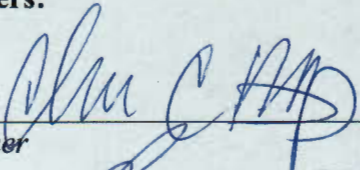
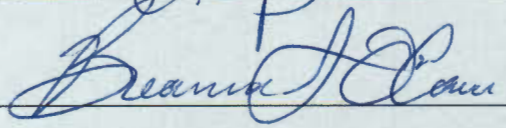
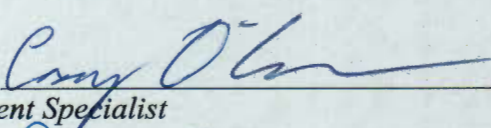
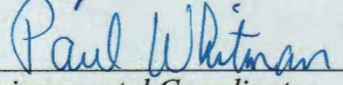
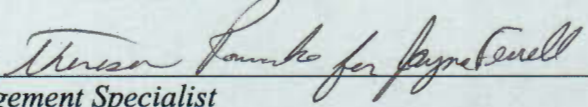
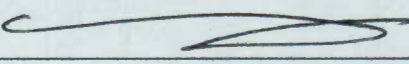
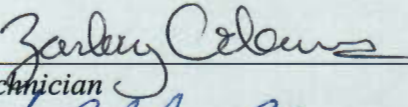
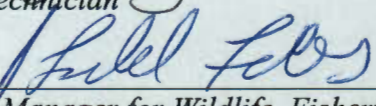
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Conclusion (*Check One*):

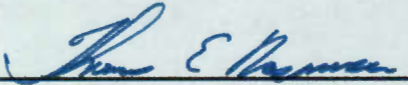
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Oakman Flat  
Unnumbered Units

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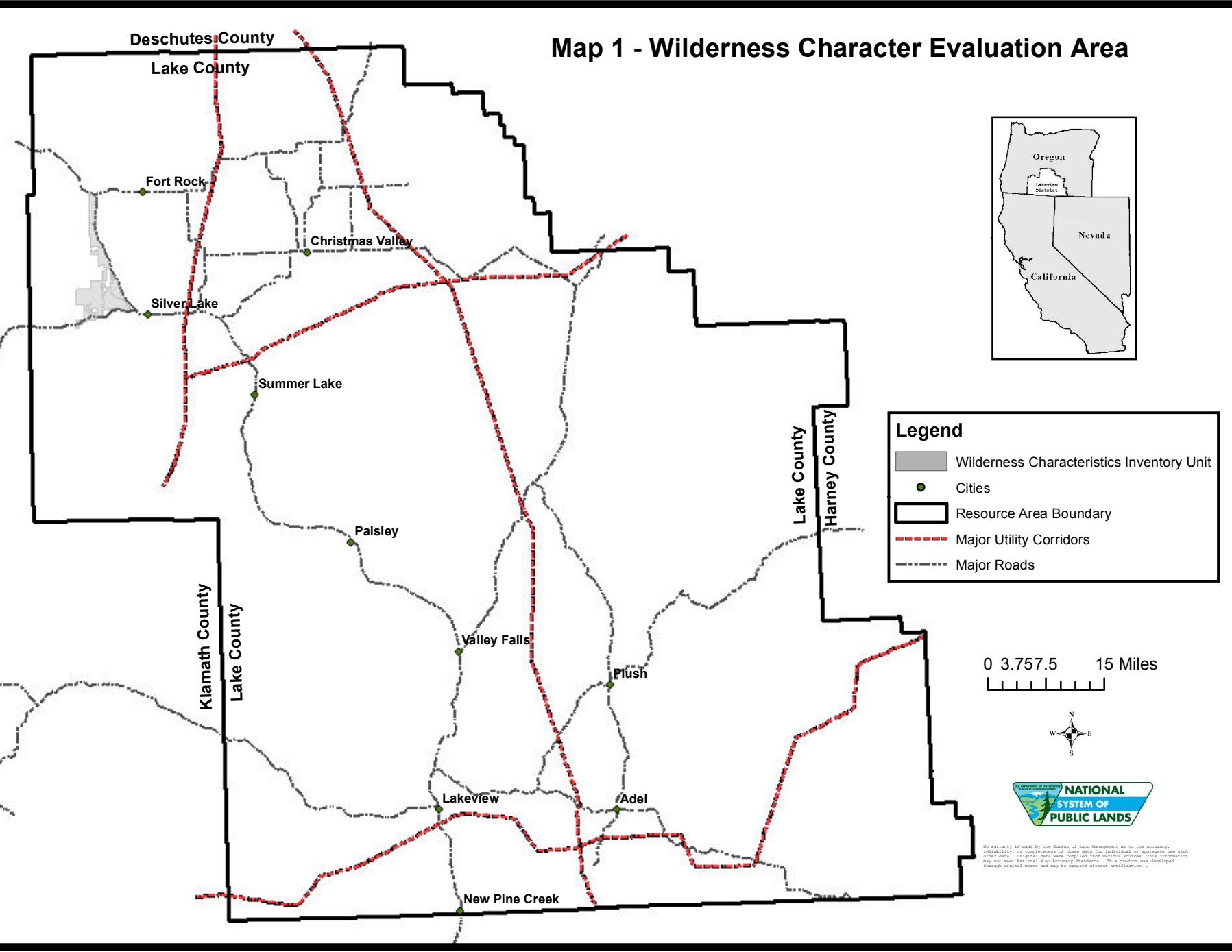
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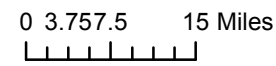
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# Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area



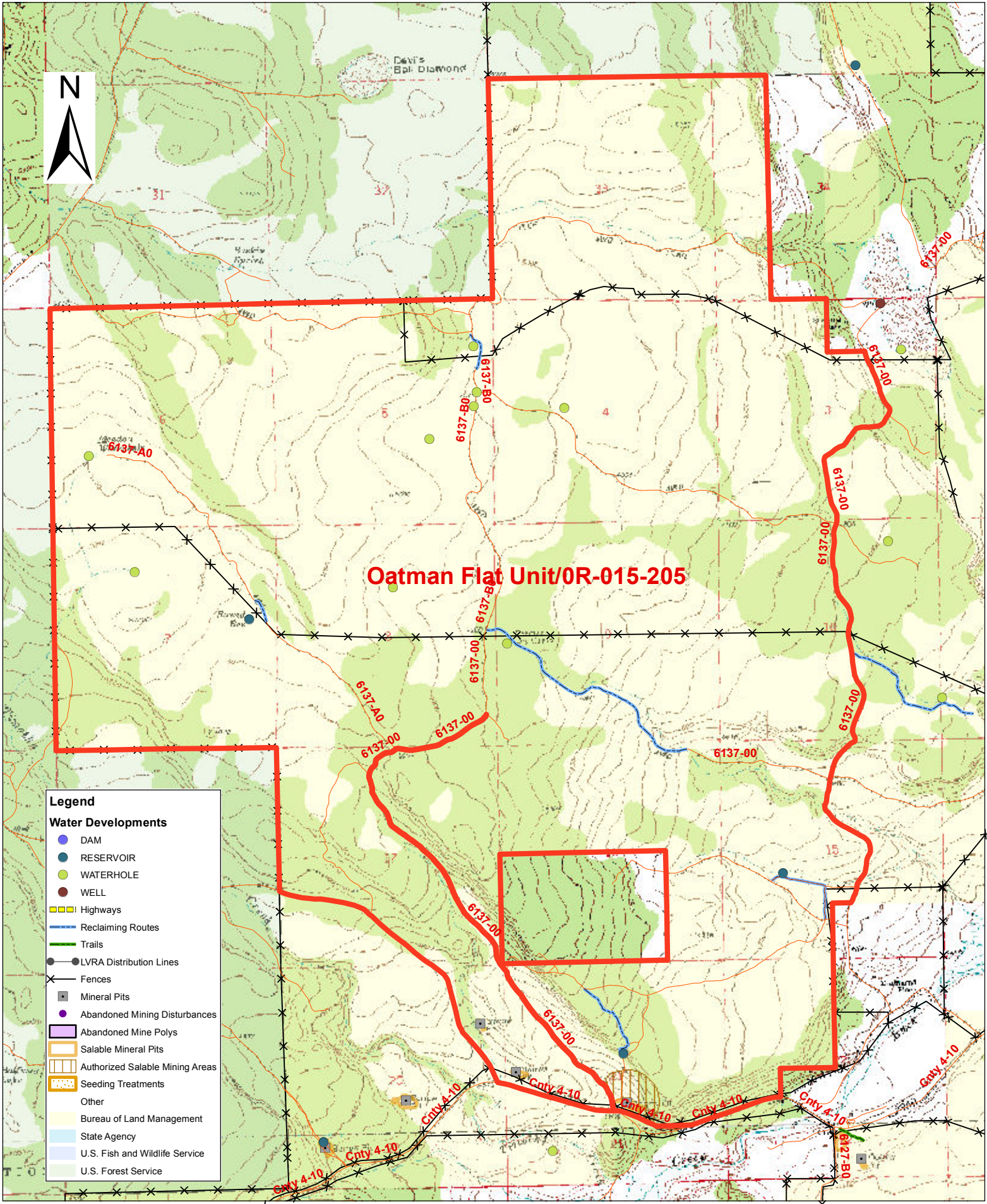
**Legend**

- Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Unit
- Cities
- Resource Area Boundary
- Major Utility Corridors
- Major Roads



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**Map 2B - Wilderness Characteristics Inventory in Oatman Flat Unit**

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