Year 2007 Inventory Unit Number/Name Griffin Creek

FORM 1

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD:

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.):

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Review Intensive Inventory, March 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): House Butte 2-12I

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): March 1980 Map

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District – Three Rivers Field Office

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[1]:
Inventory Source: Wilderness Review Intensive Inventory, March 1980

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2-12 I	8,800	Y	N	N	N

3. Any citizen provided information: No

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name Griffin Creek

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No _____

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3),(4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check "No" above, check "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary.]

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

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Unit Description: This unit is approximately eight miles north of Drewsey in Harney County. Elevations range from 4000 to almost 4800 feet. Most of Griffin Creek is located on private land, with a large private land inholding within the unit. Common vegetation includes juniper and big sagebrush with native grasses to the east.

Unit Size: 5,223 acres - the size of the unit decreased in size due a road being identified as the northern boundary, which did not separate the unit in the original inventory.

Unit Boundaries: Boundaries to the north, east and south are primarily associated with well established roads, including a major access road to the Malheur National Forest that are occasionally maintained when necessary and provide for regular and continuous use. Boundaries to the west are primarily associated with private land ownership.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No _____ N/A_____

Description: Since the 1980 report was issued, the radio facility was removed and additional water developments, fencing and primitive routes have been added to the unit. Below is a summary of known developments or treatments in the unit:

Water Developments: 4 reservoirs and 1 spring
Fencing: 10 miles
Cattleguard: 1
Primitive Routes: 10 miles
Constructed Stock Trail: 3 miles
Ponderosa Pine pre-commercial thinnings: 103 acres

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

Yes _____ No X N/A_____

Description: The unit's not very contiguous due to a large private land inholding, so is generally 2 miles or less in width. The unit does have some vegetative and topographic screening, but not to the extent that there is an outstanding opportunity for solitude present.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A_____

Description: Hunting is the only activity that is likely to occur on a regular basis within the unit. There are no unique or unusual qualities associated with this activity in the unit. No other potential recreation activities for which the unit would provide outstanding recreational opportunities were identified.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No _____ N/A_____

Description: Three cultural resource sites have been found since 1980

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Griffin Creek (Unit 2-12 I)

Summary
Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? X Yes ___No

2. Does the area appear to be natural? X Yes ____No

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____Yes X No ___NA

4. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude? ____Yes X No ___NA

5. Does the area have supplemental values? ___Yes X No ___NA

Conclusion
Check One:

_____ The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness character.

X The area does not have wilderness character.

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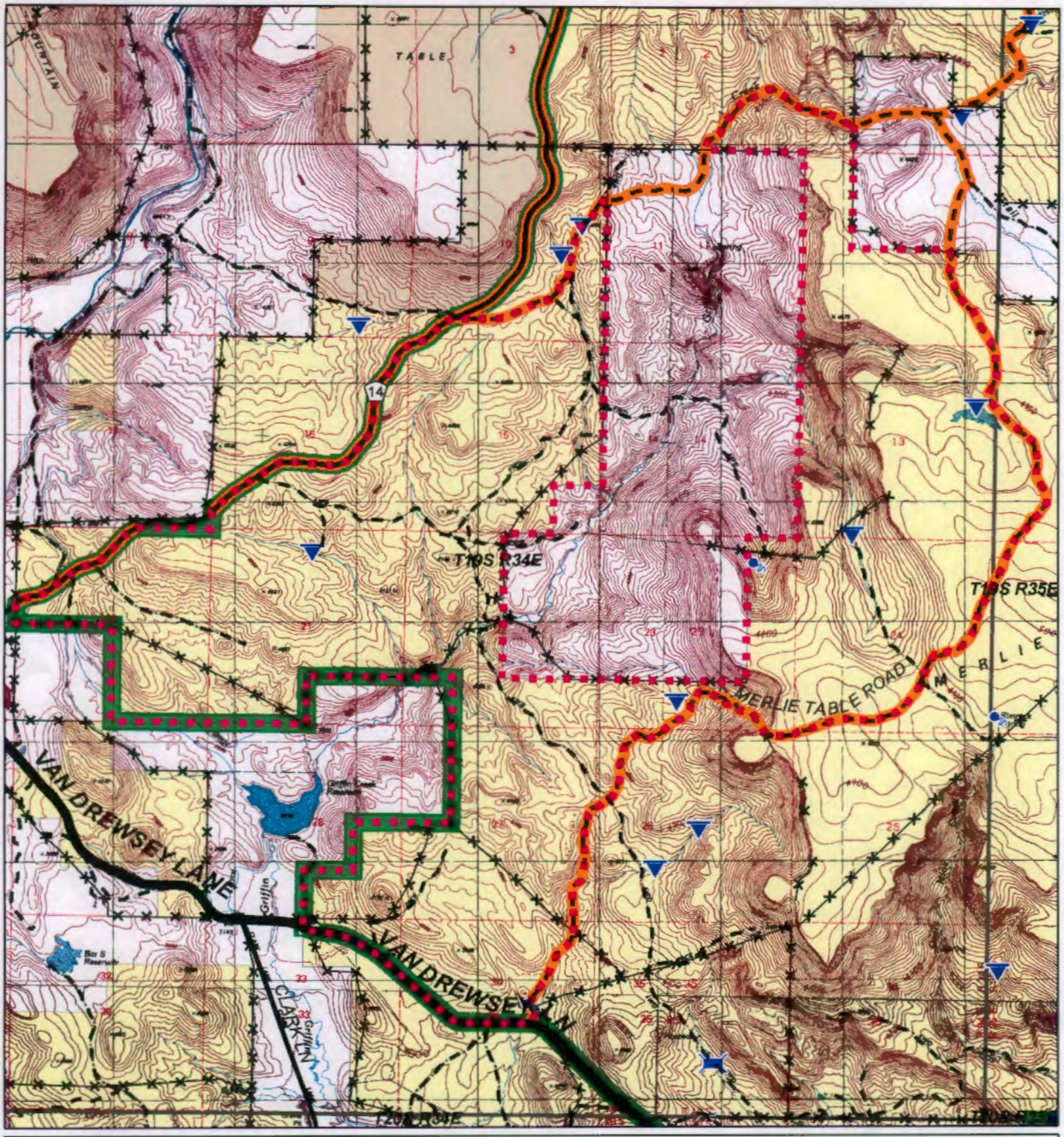

GRIFFIN CREEK UNIT 5,223 acres
Otis WIM Boundary
Otis WIM Bladed Roads
Paved Road
Non-Paved Improved Road
Primitive/Unknown Rd Condition
CATTLE GRD
SPRING
RESERVOIR
WATERHOLE

FENCE
BLM
Wilderness Study Area
U.S. Forest Service Land
Private Land

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