CITIZEN PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

(EVALUATION OF NEW INFORMATION REGARDING WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS ON AN AREA OF PUBLIC LANDS)

Directions: *Keep this record as part of the inventory file. Use these findings as part of the wilderness resources discussion in any subsequent NEPA document. Notify the proponent of your findings.*

Date of Review or Submission: **Interdisciplinary (ID) Team Meeting held on 1/30/2007**

Proponent: **NA – Internally Identified by BLM ID Team**

Name of Area Identified by the Proponent: **Dry Lake Unit (Sheep Lake Subunit 2-49C)**

BLM Field Office(s) Affected: **Three Rivers RA, Burns DO**

EVALUATION

1) Does the submission include the required:

a) map which identifies the specific boundaries of the area in question?
NA – BLM Identified Unit (Subunit 2-49C)

Yes _____ No _____

b) detailed narrative that describes the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics of the area and documents how that information differs significantly from the information in prior inventories conducted by the BLM regarding the wilderness values of the area? **NA – BLM Identified Unit (Subunit 2-49C)**

Yes _____ No _____

c) photographic documentation? **NA – BLM Identified Unit (Subunit 2-49C)**

Yes _____ No _____

2. Is there an existing wilderness inventory on this area?

Yes **X**

Reference: November 1980 Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington – Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (Sheep Lake Subunit 2-49C)

Existing inventory findings

_____ Has wilderness character

X Doesn't have wilderness character

3. Evaluation of the proposal based on relevant information available in the office (prior BLM inventories, interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc.). *Explain the basis for each conclusion* (use additional space as necessary).

a) Are the boundary roads and any roads separating subunits still roads?

Yes X No _____

Explanation: **The boundaries for the current Dry Lake Unit and the 1980 inventory subunit 2-49C were reviewed and compared by the ID team (see attached map) and found to be similar. The current boundary descriptions are as follows:**

- **To the north unit boundaries are defined by non-paved roads that are maintained when needed to ensure relatively regular and continuous use.**
- **To the east unit boundaries are defined primarily by private land ownership lines**
- **To the south unit boundaries are defined by a power line that includes utility maintenance road.**
- **To the west unit boundaries are defined by state ownership and Potato Hill Road a route which is maintained when needed to ensure relatively regular and continuous use.**

b) Does the unit/subunit meet the minimum acre requirements?

Yes X No _____

Explanation: **The Dry Lake Unit as defined above, contains approximately 26,412 acres of BLM-administered lands.**

c) Have there been changes in the area since the initial/intensive inventory that may affect naturalness?

Yes X No _____

Explanation: The original inventory found that the visibility and quantity of the developments in this unit were substantially noticeable. **Since the 1980 subunit 2-49C was inventoried, the following information was identified by the ID-team:**

- **Approximately 465 acres of juniper cuts has been implemented.**
- **One new reservoir/water hole has been constructed.**
- **Two new spring developments have been constructed.**
- **Approximately 1.25 miles new fence line has been constructed.**

d) Does the unit/subunit appear to meet the definition of naturalness?

Yes _____ No X

Explanation: **The new developments and the development identified in the original inventory remain substantially noticeable.**

e) Does the unit/subunit appear to contain outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined *recreation*?

Yes _____ No X

Explanation: **The 1980 inventory found that the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in subunit 2-49C were not outstanding. The ID-team did not identify any new unusual or unique features or other changes that would modify the inventory findings. The ID-team confirmed that today, the Dry Lake Unit (subunit 2-49C) continues to offer opportunities for several types of primitive recreational activities including hunting, horseback riding, hiking and wildlife viewing, backpacking, but they are not outstanding.**

f) Does the unit/subunit contain appear to have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes __X__ No _____

Explanation: **The 1980 inventory found that opportunities for solitude in the subunit 2-49C were outstanding. The ID-team did not identify any changes that would modify the inventory findings. Topographic and vegetative screening continue to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.**

g) Does the unit/subunit contain appear to have supplemental values?

Yes __**X**__ No _____

Explanation: **The 1980 inventory found that the original subunit 2-49C had supplemental values associated with the presence of cultural resources and off-site scenic values. The ID-team found an additional value associated with the presence of *Astragalus tegetarioides* (Deschutes Milkvetch), a Bureau Sensitive Species and Federal Species of Concern and an Oregon Natural Heritage Program List-1 Species.**

4. From the evidence presented by the proponent, as well as other relevant information (prior BLM inventories, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc.), does the WSA Inventory Team conclude that the information *is significantly different* from the information in prior inventories conducted by BLM regarding the wilderness values of the area or a portion of the area?

Yes _____ No __**X**__

5. From the evidence presented by the proponent and from other relevant information (prior BLM inventories, aerial photographs, field observations, maps), the undersigned WSA Inventory Team concludes: (*Check a or b below.*)

__X__ a) the decision reached is that the area lacks wilderness characteristics and should not be considered further.

(or)

_____ b) there is a reasonable probability that the area in question (or a significant portion(s) thereof) may have wilderness characteristics and a field inventory is necessary.

The Dry Lake Unit (subunit 2-49C) does not have naturalness or possess opportunities for outstanding primitive or unconfined recreation. It does possess outstanding opportunities for solitude. Therefore, no wilderness characteristics were found to be present.

Interdisciplinary Team

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Lisa Grant, Rangeland Management Specialist – Burns District — Date 3/15/07

Bill Andersen, District Range Management Specialist — Date 3/21/07

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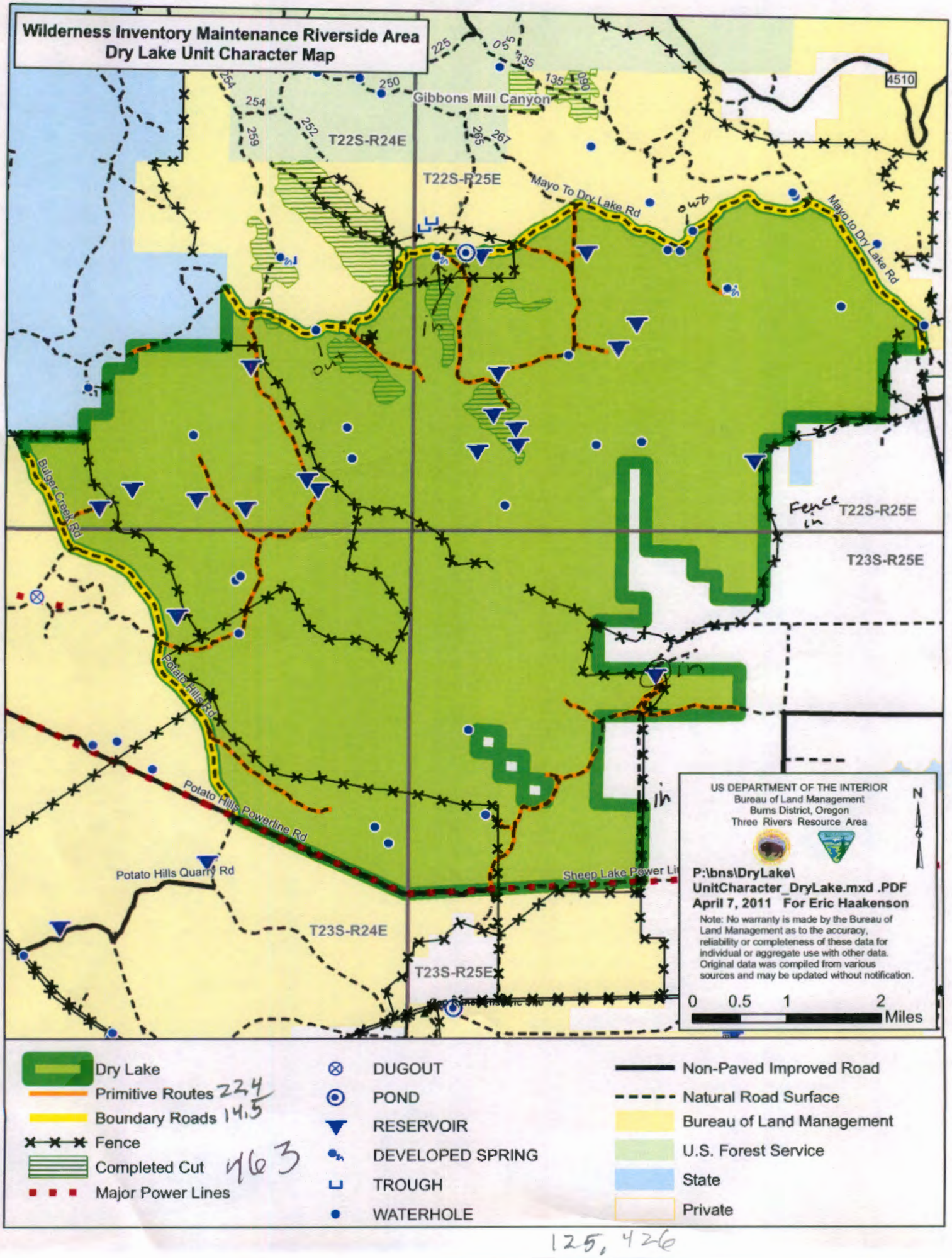
I Concur:

Field Manager – Three Rivers Resource Area — **Date** 3/21/07

This determination is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal resource inventory process and does not constitute an appealable decision.


Wilderness Inventory Maintenance Riverside Area
Dry Lake Unit Character Map
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Miles
Dry Lake
Primitive Routes 22.4
Boundary Roads 14.5
Fence
Completed Cut 463
Major Power Lines
DUGOUT
POND
RESERVOIR
DEVELOPED SPRING
TROUGH
WATERHOLE
Non-Paved Improved Road
Natural Road Surface
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service
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