WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON
(Source: Oregon State Office Internal Guidance as of July 2007)

Year: **2010** Inventory Unit Number/Name: **Stinkingwater**

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 __X__ **Yes** _____ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source: The area that has been inventoried was part of a unit in 1977 that was numbered OR-020-01-03. It was recommended and approved at that time that the area did not warrant intensive inventory due to the size, crested wheatgrass seedings and amount of private land.

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

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

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

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Inventory Source:

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N

FORM 2 - DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: **Stinkingwater**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Current Unit Acres: **11,153** Yes **X** No ___

Description of the Current Conditions:

Interdisciplinary (ID) Team Meeting: An ID-team consisting of BLM staff from the Burns District met on August 27, 2008 to evaluate this unit. The team was provided with current BLM maps and photographs, and past maps, photographs and description of the area. The team consisted of wilderness, recreation, range and fisheries staff. Forestry, wildlife, archaeology and staff were also consulted.

Current Unit Boundaries (See BLM's Unit Character Map): Wilderness inventory information was updated and routes forming boundaries were driven during field review. A route analysis was completed for each boundary road. The unit's boundary roads have been mechanically maintained, improved in the past, and will continue to be maintained as needed to allow vehicle passage for public land users.

Vehicle use will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. The grazing permittees use the routes to manage livestock operations, including releasing and gathering of cattle, distributing salt and mineral blocks and checking and maintaining range developments. BLM personnel utilize the routes for monitoring and checking range condition and developments as well as inventorying, monitoring and managing wildlife, archaeological and botanical resources, recreational values/use and wildfire suppression. Most public use is associated with antelope hunting in late summer and early fall, deer and elk hunting in the fall and wood cutting during the summer months.

N. boundary: Private Property and approximately 1 ¼ miles of Crow Camp Road 6276-0-00.
ONDA Photo Points: None
BLM Photo Points-none

E. boundary: Private Lands and Griffen Basin Road
ONDA Photo Point: None
BLM Photo Points: -GB-1N,S, GB-2N, GB-3S

S. boundary: Warm Springs-Stinkingwater Access Road 6278-0-00
ONDA Photo Point: HN028-HN32, HN37-39, HN54-56
BLM Photo Points-SWWS-1W, SWWS-2N,S,E,W, SWWS-3N,E,S,W

W. boundary: Private Land and Stinkingwater Access Road 6276-0-00
ONDA Photo Point: HN001-HN006,
BLM Photo Points-SW-1SE,S,N, SW-2S,SE,N

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No ___ N/A___

Current Condition Description (See Unit Character Map): Almost 10 miles of pasture division fences run through the middle of the unit, but are generally unnoticeable and do not affect naturalness. Five developed springs are scattered across the unit. Numerous juniper control units are located on the southern half of the unit-13 in all. Two small water holes are located just off the Stinkingwater Access Road in the southwest corner and one reservoir is located in the northwest corner.

Six private land parcels are within the unit with the largest being approximately 840 acres and the smallest about 40 acres. Two wildfires have occurred along the western boundary of the unit.

Topography is rugged with about 5 short canyons flowing into Stinkingwater Creek. Large, open sagebrush flats with scattered junipers are a main feature of the unit. There is little evidence of water except Stinkingwater Creek, which can become intermittent late in the year.

The large 500 KV power line that follows along the northern portion of the unit is the most noticeable feature in the area. Vegetation is sagebrush with large tracts of juniper growing over most of the ridges and slopes, and grasses covering the open valleys. The area is generally natural in appearance except for the juniper cuttings, which will appear more natural over time.

Below is a summary of developments and vegetative treatments:

Fences: 20 miles
Cattleguards: 1
Reservoirs: 1
Springs: 5
Waterholes: 2
Seedings: 0 acres
Tree cutting areas: 1,041acres
Interior non-boundary routes: 23.5 miles

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

Yes ___ No _X___N/A__ __

The Stinkingwater Canyon and side drainages offer solitude but it is not outstanding. The private land parcels eliminate much of Stinkingwater Creek from public use, so that the remaining canyon area is small. There is a small portion of the Griffen Creek Canyon that offers some solitude at the upper end, but most of drainage is private on both the upper and lower ends. Overall the Stinkingwater Unit does not offer outstanding solitude due to large, open flats and foothills where the views are far reaching and sights and sounds of other people can be felt.

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

The primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities include hunting, hiking, site-seeing, horseback riding and camping, but they are not outstanding as much of the unit can be accessed by numerous routes that traverse the unit.

Yes ___ No __X__ N/A__ __

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Redband trout can be found in Stinkingwater creek. Wild horses are present throughout the unit. A Ponderosa pine grove can be found at the upper end of Stinkingwater creek and there is evidence of small prehistoric hunting/gathering camp sites.

Yes __X__ No ____ N/A__ __

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: **Stinkingwater**

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 solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____ Yes ____ No __X__

4. Does the area have supplemental values? __X__ Yes ____ No ___

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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Unit Name and Number: **Stinkingwater**

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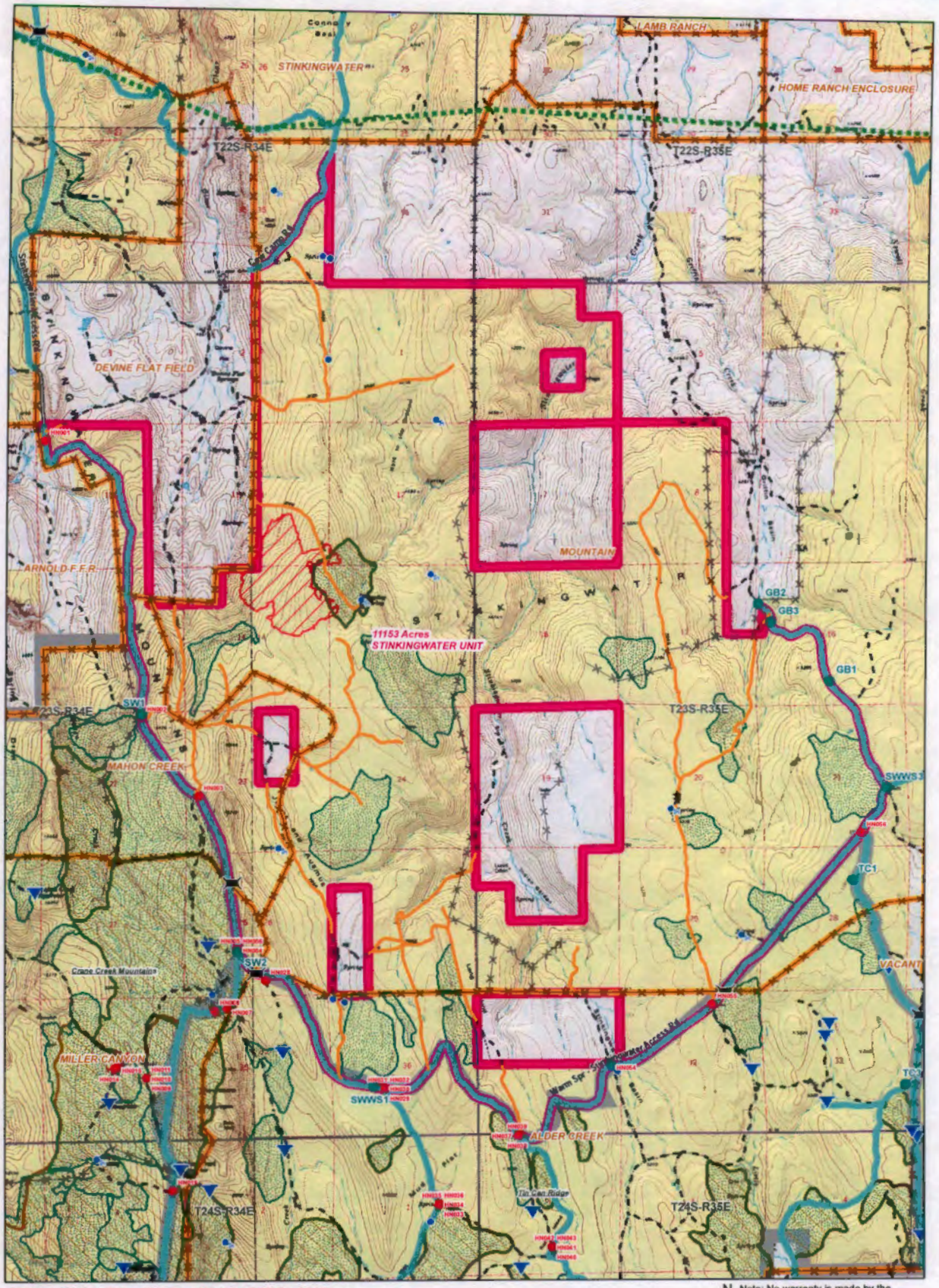

STINKINGWATER UNIT CHARACTER MAP

- STINKINGWATER WIM Unit
- ONDA Proposed WSA
- BLM Photo Points
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- BoundaryRoads
- Non-Boundary Routes
- Allotment
- FENCE
- STOCK TRAIL
- CATTLE GUARD
- RESERVOIR
- SPRING DEVELOPMENT
- WATERHOLE
- Cut Units
- USGS 24K Topo
- Prescribed Burns
- Wildfire 2005 to Present
- Powerline
- Non-Paved Improved Road
- Primitive or Unknown Road Surface
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private (White)

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