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

Year: **2008** Inventory Unit Number/Name: **West Warm Springs Unit 10**

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 Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Page 143

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Chicken Feed Lake Subunit 2-63B

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

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

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):

Inventory Source: **Wilderness Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Page 143**

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2-63B	12,630	Y	N	N	Y

FORM 2 - DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: **West Warm Springs Unit 10**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Current Unit Acres: 13,159 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 the Current Conditions: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

Citizen Information Received: On September 19, 2007 the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 462,828-acre Buzzard Creek proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs and GIS data with their route and photo point data, all of which were considered as part of the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the Buzzard Creek proposed WSA as having no routes which meet their definition of a boundary road and included state land within their proposal.

As part of BLM's boundary determination process, it was determined that several of ONDA's "ways" are still boundary roads. It is BLM's finding that ONDA's Buzzard Creek proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are similar, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

Boundary changes since 1980: The boundaries for Unit 10 appear similar to those identified (See Unit Boundary Map 2) for subunit 2-63B except that a non federal inholding is now BLM land, adding to the acreage of the unit and interior roads are no longer boundary roads.

Current Unit Boundaries:

See Unit Character Map for Photo Point (Pt.) Locations

N: Private land and USFWS federal ownership not managed for wilderness values – matches ONDA boundary.

E: Road 8210-0-00 - matches ONDA Unit Boundary – this road was recently (last few years) bladed.

S: Road 8210-0-A0 (ONDA Photo Pts. FK-42 W, FK-48 ESE, FK-52 SE, FK-47 WNW – road on right) this road was recently bladed likely after ONDA photos were taken in June of 2005.

W: Road 8211-0-00 (ONDA Photo Pts. FK-50 NNE, FK-51 SSW, FK-24 WNW, FK-25 NNE) this road was recently bladed likely after ONDA photos taken in June of 2005. There is also a small parcel of private land.

Note: Other ONDA photo pts. did not appear to be of boundary roads for this BLM unit.

The ID-team did confirm that based on their knowledge of the area and reviewing ONDA's information the BLM information gathered as part of the unit boundary determination process that these routes do meet boundary road criteria.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?
Yes _____ No __X__ N/A_____

1980 Unit Description: The unit is located approximately 28 miles northwest of the community of Frenchglen. The 1980 Inventory Report described this unit as having a high terrace that drops off sharply to the north to Harney Lake Basin. A wild shallow drainage meanders across the broad open topography which characterizes the subunit. The common vegetative types are sagebrush and greasewood. Only one vehicle way was identified for this subunit and it was found to be in a natural condition.

Current Condition Description: The ID-team reviewed landscape related photos provided by ONDA. The primary human uses in the unit and the surrounding area are associated with livestock grazing and recreation by the public. The eastern boundary has also been brush beat which consists of mowing sagebrush (24 feet) on either side of the road to assist with providing a fire break **(See Unit Brush Beating Map).** Since the original inventory, approximately 3,411 acres have been drill seeded with non-native crested wheatgrass between the 1990's and 2005 and remain evident as an unnatural feature. The unit currently has the following developments **(See Unit Character Map)**:

- 4.2 miles of interior routes (non-boundary roads)
- 17 miles of fencing and several segments of drift fence
- 3 gates

- 1 reservoir and two waterholes
- 1 well

Given the amount and distribution of the human modifications throughout much of the unit, the ID-team found the imprints of humans to be substantially noticeable and the unit was found not to have naturalness. This finding is not consistent with ONDA's proposal for their Buzzard Creek Unit, which they found to be natural as a whole, however much of ONDA's finding of naturalness was due to developments and treatments being substantially unnoticeable across their entire Buzzard Creek Unit.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A__X____

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A___X___

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A__X____

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: **West Warm Springs Unit 10**

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? __Yes _X_ No

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____Yes ____No _X_ NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values? ___Yes____No __X_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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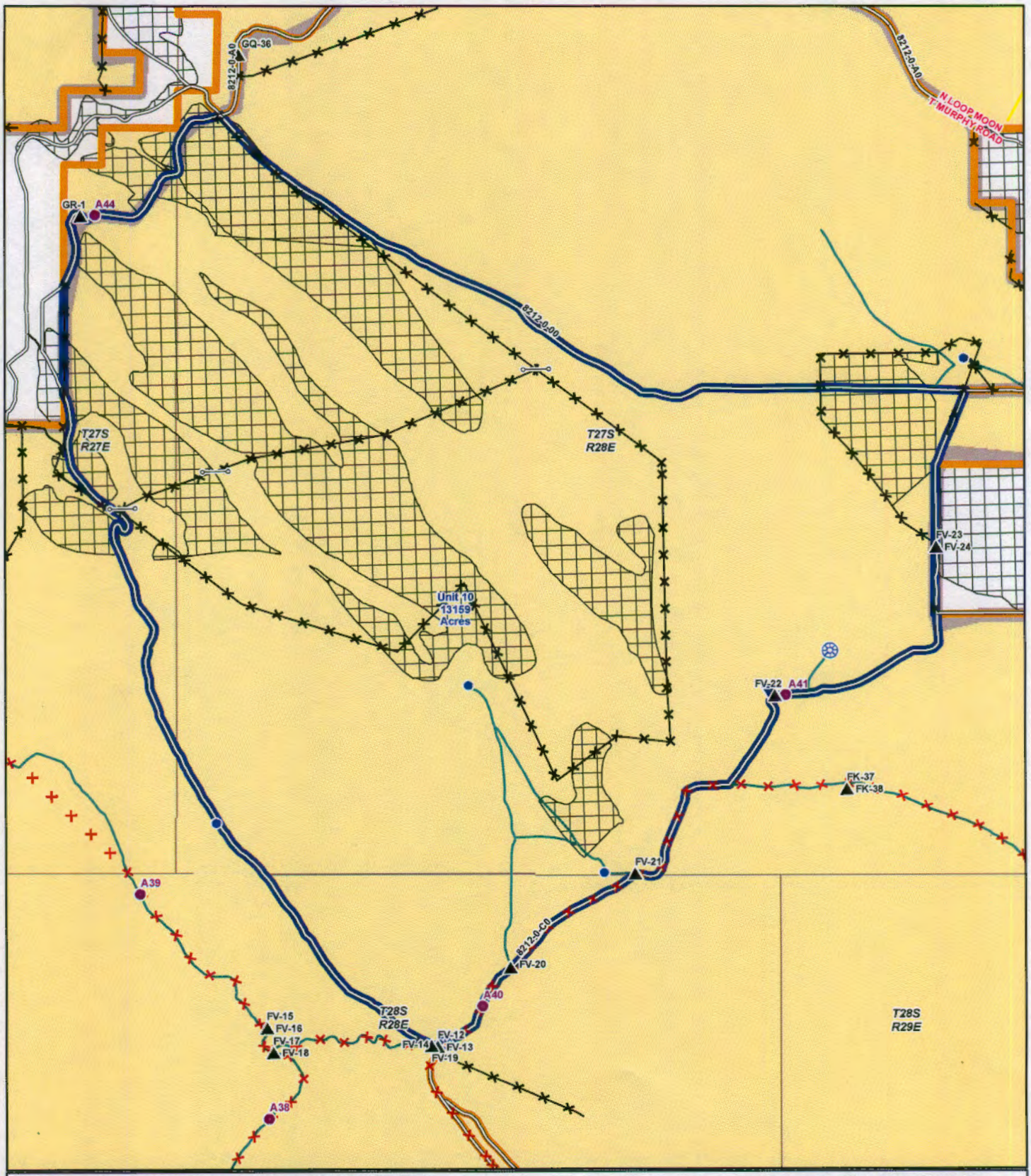

West Warm Springs Wilderness Character Unit Map ~ 10

Unit
Adjacent Units
BLM Photo Points
ONDA Photo Points
ONDA Unit Buzzard Creek
Burns District Boundary

Mineral Materials Sites
CATTLE GUARD
CORRAL
GATE
RESERVOIR

STUDY PLOT
TANK
WATERHOLE
WELL
Major Roads

BRUSHBEAT
DIKE
DRIFT FENCE
FENCE
PIPELINE
SNOW FENCE

Powerline
Unit Boundary Roads
Interior Primative Roads
BRUSHBEAT
EXCLOSURE FENCE
SEEDING

Wildfires 2002 to Present

Land Administration
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wilderness Study Area
State
U.S. Fish & Wildlife
No. Great Basin Exp. Range
Private

0 0.3 0.6 1.2 Miles

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