

FORM 1

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

Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-0210/Drake Creek

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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: OR-015-0210/Drake Creek

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

Boundary Determination: In 2007 and 2008, 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 area in June of 2010. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

This unit is bounded by BLM Road 7142-00 on the southeast, Highway 140 right-of-way on the south, private lands on the west, an unnumbered BLM road on the north, and the BPA power line right-of-way on the east (Map 2). The unit is about 5,040 acres in size. Based on this unit boundary, the unit met the minimum size criteria and the BLM ID team evaluated the unit further, as described below.

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 unit is roughly triangular shaped and surrounds the Drake Creek area about 11 miles southwest of Plush, Oregon (Map 1).

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not evaluate the natural character of this area.

Current Condition Description: The majority of the unit is an open sagebrush flat. Drake Creek and a small portion of Parsnip Creek drainages run through the area. The vegetation consists of sagebrush and grasses with scattered western juniper trees. An old crested wheatgrass seeding occurs in the southern quarter of the unit (Map 2). Most of the juniper is concentrated in the two drainages (Map 3). However, about 135 acres of invasive juniper in the upper half of Drake Creek was mechanically treated several years ago to improve steam conditions.

The unit contains approximately 18 miles of pasture and enclosure fencing, 10 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 4 constructed livestock water developments (2 developed

springs with troughs and 2 reservoirs). About 40 acres of a larger material site right-of-way belonging to the Oregon Department of Transportation extends into the southwest corner of the unit. The 500-KV BPA power line and Highway 140, though just outside the eastern and southern boundaries, are substantially noticeable from large portions of the unit (Map 2).

Due the relatively small size of the unit and relatively high density of human disturbances described above, the BLM ID team determined that it would be difficult to find any area within the unit where the imprints of man are substantially unnoticeable. Therefore, the unit does not meet the naturalness criteria.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not evaluate the solitude opportunities of this area.

Current Condition Description: The BLM ID team determined that solitude opportunities within the unit did not need to be evaluated, as the unit failed to meet the naturalness criteria.

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not evaluate the recreation opportunities of this area.

Current Condition Description: The BLM ID team determined that primitive recreation opportunities within the unit did not need to be evaluated, as the unit failed to meet the naturalness criteria.

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not evaluate the supplemental values in this area.

Description Condition Description: The BLM ID team determined that supplemental values within the unit did not need to be evaluated, as the unit failed to meet the naturalness criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Drake Creek/OR-015-0210

Summary Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet the size requirements? _Yes _No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? _Yes _No _NA
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? _Yes _No _NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? _Yes _No _NA

Conclusion (*Check One*):

The area-or a portion of the area-have wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

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

Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Drake Creek Area/Unnumbered small units

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	Unknown

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: Drake Creek Area Units

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size? Yes _____ No __X__

Boundary Determination: In 2007 and 2008, 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 area in June of 2010. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file. The ID team determined that the area was comprised of a number of small inventory units (less than 5,000 acres each) that were dropped from detailed analysis during the previous inventory due to small size.

These units are bounded by a combination of BLM Road 7142-00, an unnumbered road, County Road 3-13, Highway 140 right-of-way, a BPA powerline right-of-way, and private land boundaries. A total of 13 units were delineated (Map 2) which are under the minimum 5,000 acres size requirement. None of these units lie immediately adjacent to areas currently managed for wilderness 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 on BLM-administered lands in the general vicinity of Drake Creek (Map 1).

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: the natural character within these units were not described in the previous inventory, likely 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__

Previous Inventory Unit Description: the solitude opportunities within these units were not described in the previous inventory, likely due to the units failing to meet the size criteria.

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

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: the primitive recreation opportunities within these units were not described in the previous inventory, likely 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 failed to meet the size criteria.

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

Previous Inventory Unit Description: these units were 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 failed to meet the size criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Drake Creek Area/Unnumbered small units

Summary Results of Analysis:

1. Do the areas meet the size requirements? Yes No
2. Do the areas appear to be natural? Yes No NA
3. Do the areas offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No NA
4. Do the areas have supplemental values? Yes No NA

Conclusion (Check One):

 The areas, or a portion of the areas, have wilderness character.

 X The areas do not have wilderness character.

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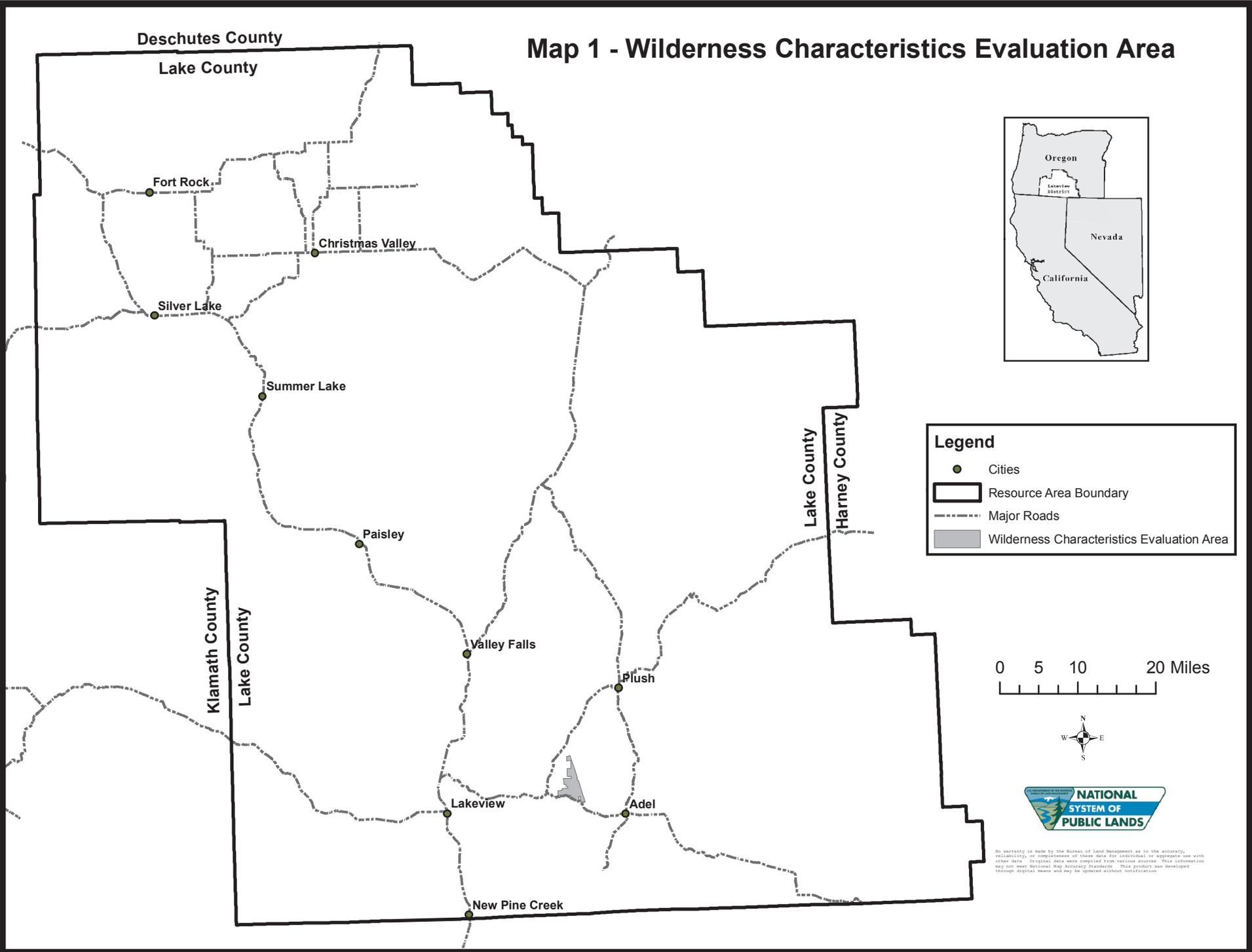
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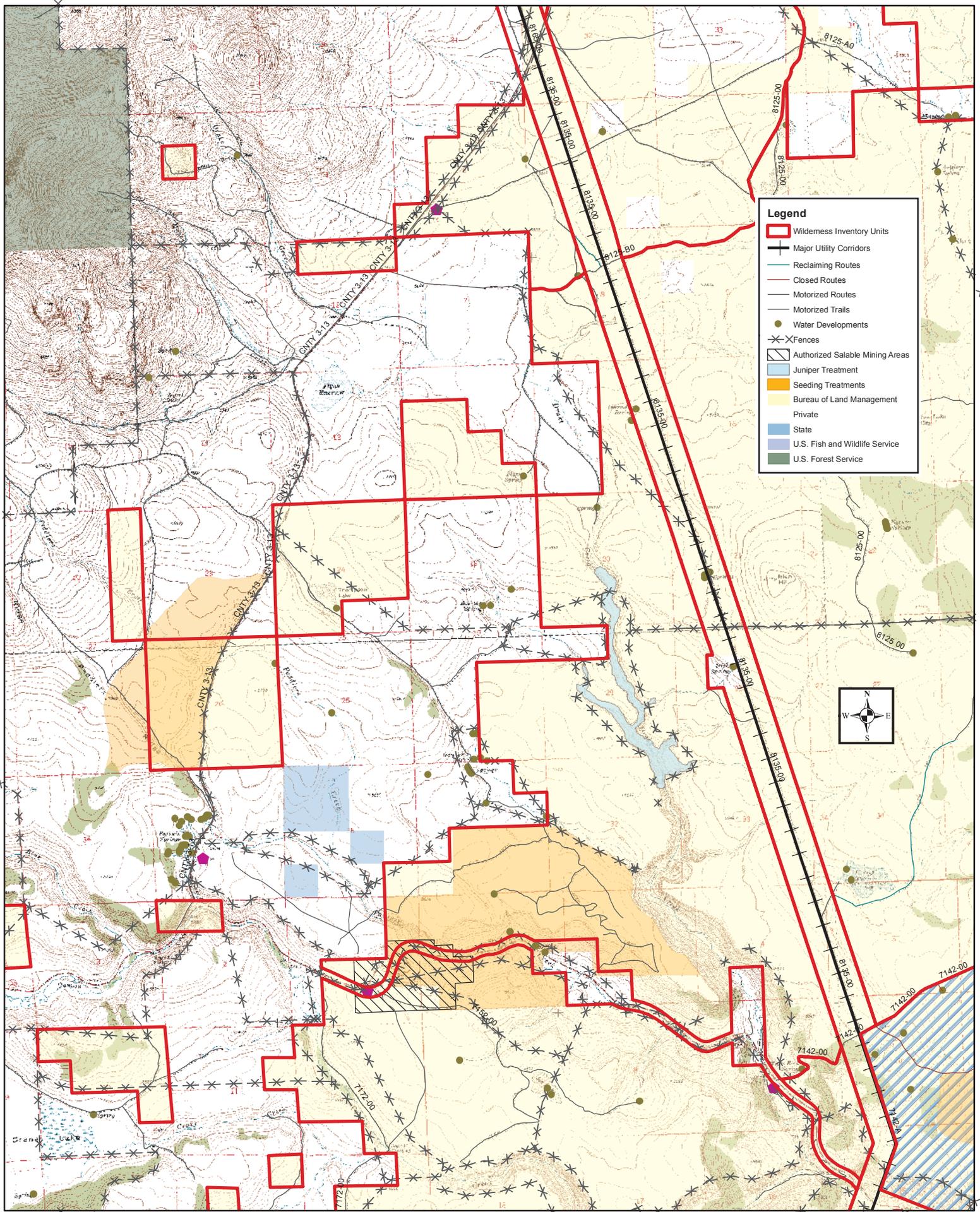
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Map 1 - Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation Area



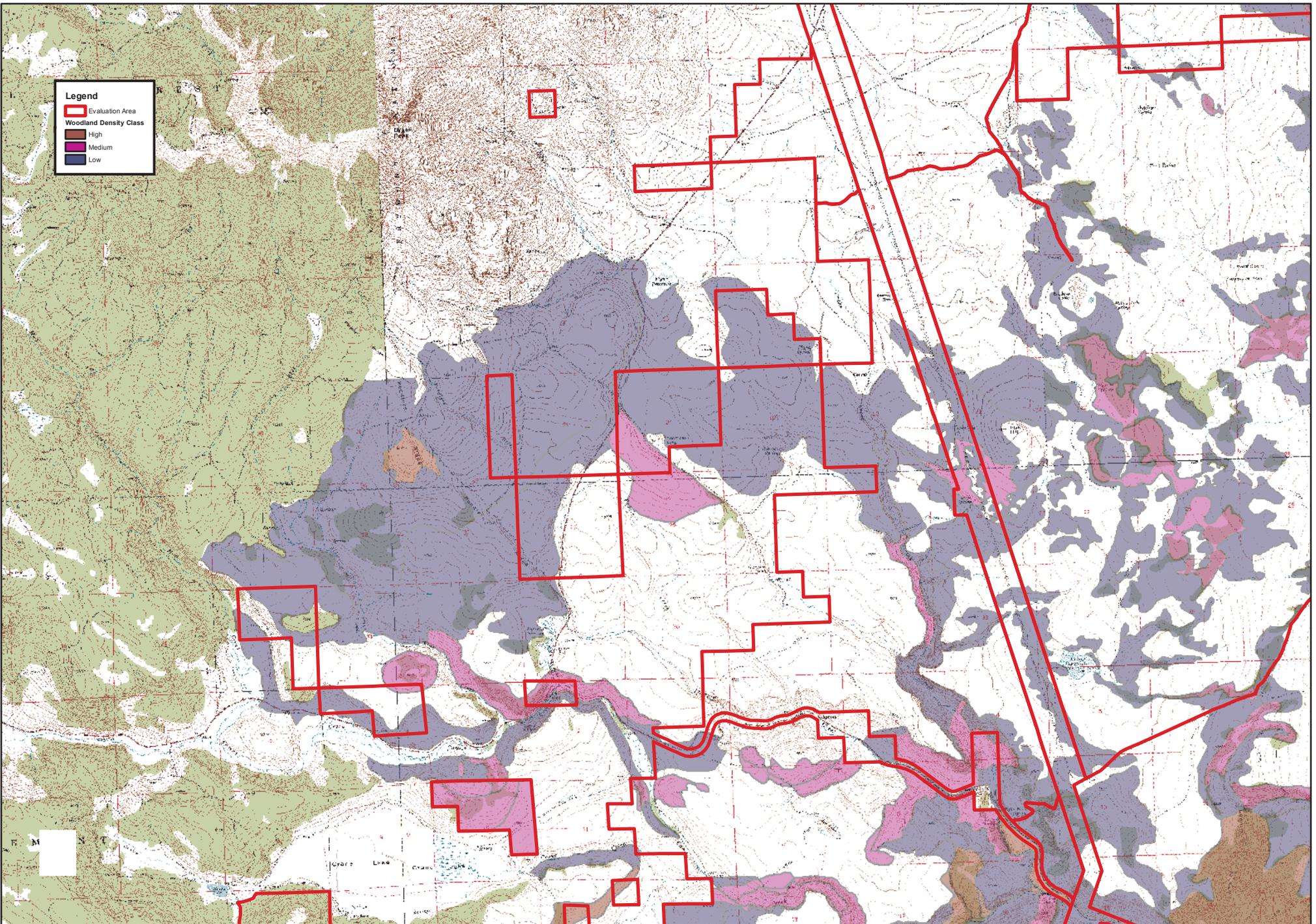
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Map 2 - Wilderness Character in the Drake Creek Area

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

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0 0.35 0.7 1.4 Miles

Map 3 - Vegetative Screening Based on Woodland Density Classes

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