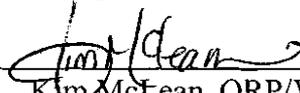


**Proposed WSA Addition-Juniper Mountain
Wilderness Characteristics Interdisciplinary Team
ID Team Signature Sheet**

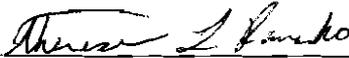
The following interdisciplinary team reviewed the Juniper Mountain citizen's wilderness proposal in March and September of 2008. The review included an analysis of the routes within the proposed area as well as an evaluation of the wilderness characteristics for each of the smaller units within the proposed area. This signature sheet represents the ID Team member's agreement with the conclusions reached in the road analysis evaluations. Their signature also represents agreement with the wilderness inventory characteristic reviews for the Juniper Mountain WSA proposal. The road analysis forms and wilderness inventory condition assessments are contained in this file.

ONDA Proposed WSA Addition: Juniper Mountain

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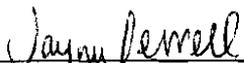
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FORM 1

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

Year: 2008

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-71 Gray's Butte

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.): NA

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Gray's Butte

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November, 1980

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	25,040	N	N	N	N
Private/State	250				

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

FORM 2**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**Unit Number/Name: 1-71 Gray's Butte**(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?**Current Unit Acres: 25,636 Yes X No

This unit contains approximately 25,636 acres of BLM-administered land. The unit is bounded by U.S. Highway 395 right-of-way, an unnumbered pipeline access road, and BLM Road 7135 on the west, County Road 3-10 (Hogback Road) on the south, and BLM Roads 6185, 7155, 7155-A, and 6165 on the north and east (see Maps 1 and 2).

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs, and GIS data, all of which were considered during the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes ONDA identified as "ways" are, in fact, still boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified during the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

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

All the public lands within the unit are administered by the BLM. The unit is located immediately east of Alkali Lake along U.S. Highway 395. The unit is approximately 20 miles long and narrow (one to three miles wide), and runs north-south to encompass the northern portion of Abert Rim and Gray's Butte. The portion of the unit below the rim have been treated and seeded to crested wheatgrass. The areas east of the rim to the eastern boundary road are covered with sagebrush. The upper area has some rolling terrain and several small, ephemeral lakes.

The unit is primarily used for livestock management and receives some recreational use during hunting season. Numerous range improvements/developments are scattered

throughout the unit. A gravel pit is located just inside the northwestern boundary of the unit adjacent to Highway 395 (Map 2).

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The portions of the unit above the rim were described as generally natural with the exception of six small waterholes that were so dispersed they were substantially unnoticeable. Below the rim, approximately 7,500 acres of the unit consisted of crested wheatgrass seeding. The western boundary of the unit did and continues to include US Highway 395 and the Highway Well rest stop; both of these developments were found to be substantially noticeable human imprints on the landscape.

Current Condition Description: Since the 1980 inventory, numerous new developments have been constructed in the unit. Today, 18.7 miles of permanent fences cross the unit for controlling livestock distribution. Below the rim, the terrain is flat and consists of a mixture of crested wheatgrass, some native plants, and noxious weeds such as Mediterranean sage, Russian thistle, and annual mustards. As noted above, the western boundary of this unit includes the right-of-way boundary for Highway 395 and the Highway Well rest stop; both of these developments are substantially noticeable human imprints along the edge of the unit. Developments in the unit include a total of 18 waterholes, 4 reservoirs, 2 wells, 1 large water storage tank, 18.8 miles of internal routes that are not regularly maintained, 2.5 miles of pipeline, 1.7 miles of electric utility lines, and 6 wildlife guzzlers. A gravel pit is located just inside the northwestern boundary of the unit adjacent to Highway 395 (Map 2).

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

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

Yes _____ No N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: As a consequence of the size and shape of this unit and its topography and the lack of vegetative screening, it was determined in the 1980 Inventory that the unit did not offer any outstanding opportunities for solitude.

Current Condition Description: The general description of solitude opportunities above is still accurate. Visitors east of the rim would not find solitude due to the flat terrain and narrowness of the unit. West of the rim, the immediate proximity of Highway 395, Highway Well rest stop, and developed private lands preclude any opportunity for solitude as the sights and sounds of human activity in these adjacent areas continuously

intrudes upon the visitor. The additional 18.8 miles of new internal motorized routes make it even harder for one to avoid the presence of others inside the unit compared to conditions in 1980.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over Juniper Mountain at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one larger contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to its configuration, lack of vegetative screening, proximity to Highway 395, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: Recreational activities were described as being limited to some hunting. The cliffs in the area were not found to be suitable for rock climbing. The narrow configuration of the unit did not provide an unconfined area with outstanding recreational potential.

Current Condition Description: The ID Team found the recreational activities were the same as identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping however; it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities due to the narrowness and overall nature of the unit. The obvious human imprints west of the rim and the lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one larger contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory report (2005) identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. Currently, hunting and hiking/camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to actually occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing road system. There is currently no developed trail system (other than existing routes) to encourage hiking, backpacking, or equestrian use in the unit. The unit may offer some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, such use, is associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments and increased motorized access to the area. The unit does not offer any single outstanding recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-71 Gray's Butte

Summary Results of Analysis:

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

Conclusion: Check One:

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

The area does not have wilderness character.

Prepared by and Team Member:

Kim McLean, ORP/Wilderness Coordinator November 28, 2008

(Name, Title, Date)

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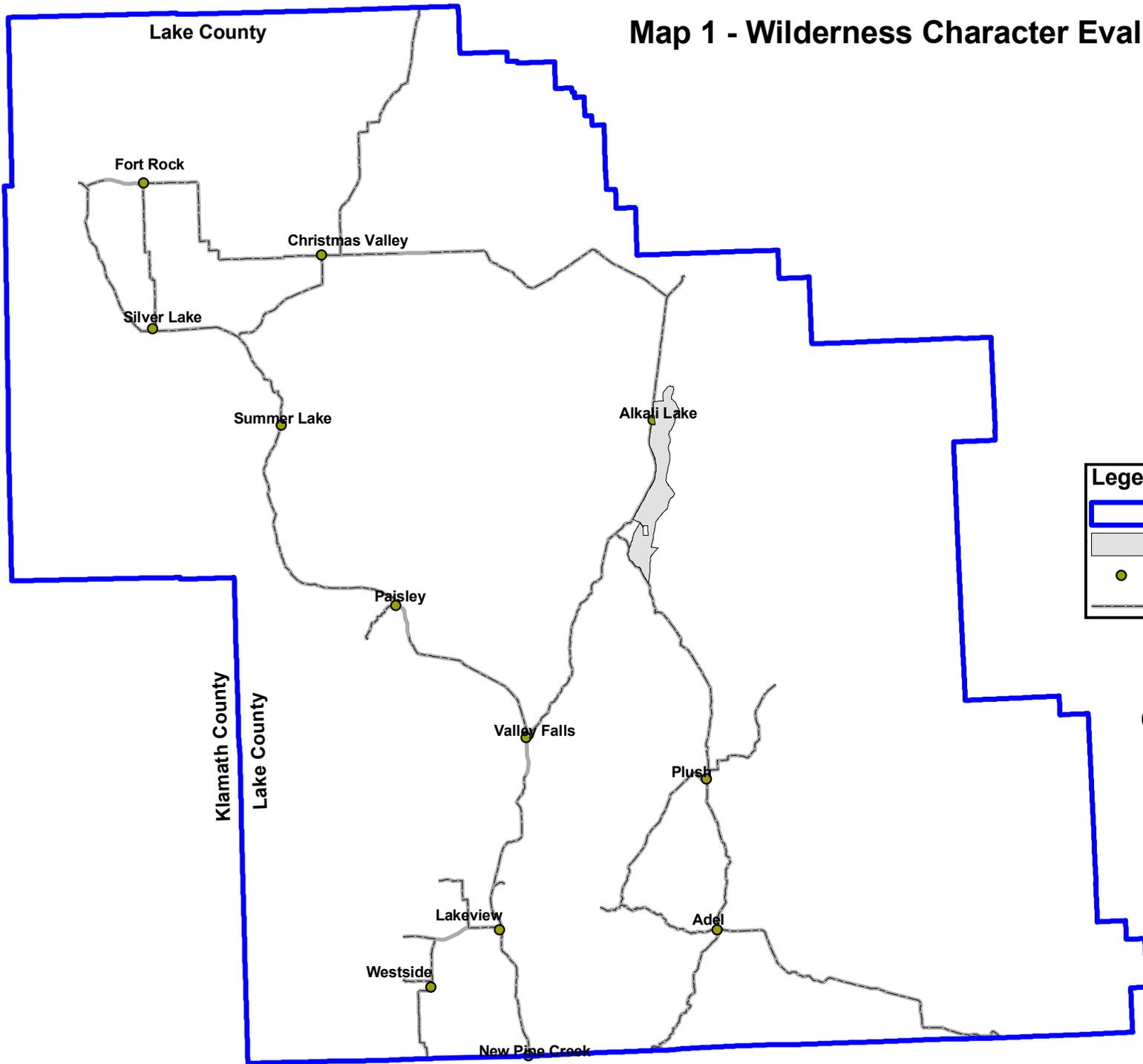
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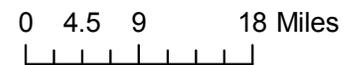
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

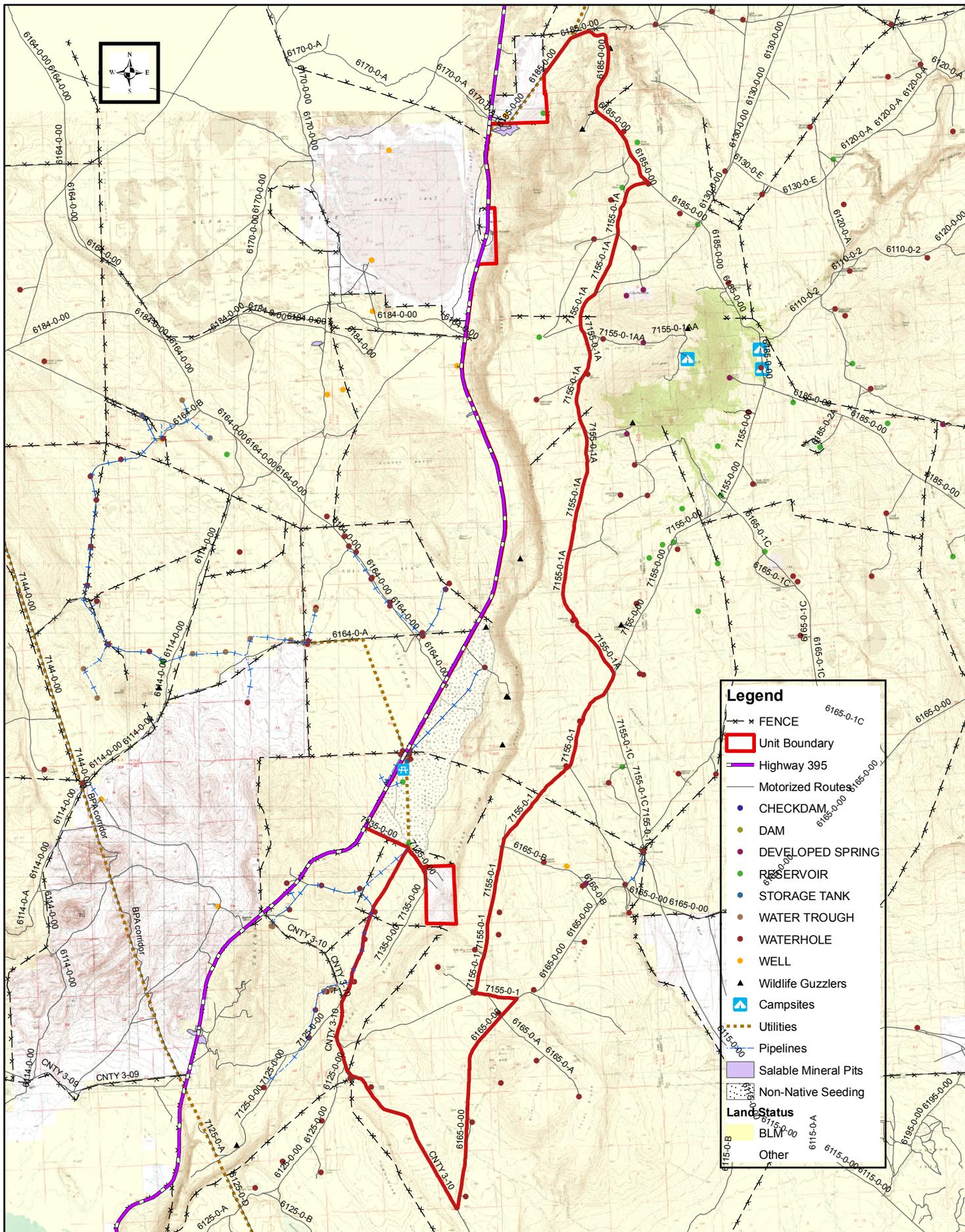


Legend

- Lakeview Resource Area
- Wilderness Unit Boundary
- Cities
- Major Roads



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Legend

- ✕ ✕ FENCE
- ▭ Unit Boundary
- Highway 395
- Motorized Routes
- CHECKDAM
- DAM
- DEVELOPED SPRING
- RESERVOIR
- STORAGE TANK
- WATER TROUGH
- WATERHOLE
- WELL
- ▲ Wildlife Guzzlers
- ▲ Campsites
- Utilities
- Pipelines
- ▭ Salable Mineral Pits
- ▭ Non-Native Seeding
- Land Status**
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Map 2 - Unit 1-71

FORM 1

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

Year: 2008

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-72 Juniper Mountain

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.): NA

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-72 Juniper Mountain

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November, 1980

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	11,680	N	N	N	N
Private	80				

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-72 Juniper Mountain**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

The unit is bounded by BLM Road 7155-0-1A on the west; BLM Road 6185-0-00 on the north and northeast; BLM Road 7155-0-00 on the east. All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan, are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access the surrounding area, and continue to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road. Thus, these roads form the unit boundary (see Maps 1 and 2).

The original unit was bounded completely by existing roads, as described above, but was further subdivided and evaluated as 3 smaller subunits based on the presences of additional roads that existed at that point in time. For the purposes of this evaluation, the three former subunits are considered one single unit because the routes dividing the subunits no longer appear to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road. This unit currently contains approximately 11,604 acres of BLM-administered land and an 80-acre private inholding. About a quarter mile segment of BLM Road 7155-0-1AA extends into the unit. The remainder of this road was designated for closure in the *Lakeview RMP/ROD* (Map SMA-17, BLM 2003b). However, the closure has not yet been implemented on the ground. Since the current management direction calls for closing the road, all or part of this road could easily be removed from the boundary by implementing the closure or "cherry-stemming" the route.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs, and GIS data, all of which were considered during the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. Additional photos were submitted in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes that ONDA's identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though

not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

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

This unit is located approximately three miles southeast of Alkali Lake. With the exception of the privately owned 80-acre parcel at Coffee Pot Springs, all lands within the unit are BLM-administered. The unit encompasses Juniper Mountain proper and its southern and northern foot hills. Juniper Mountain rises about 1,300 feet above the surrounding sagebrush flats. Higher elevations support dense western juniper woodlands; lower elevations are a rolling sagebrush plain. The unit is used for livestock grazing and permitted special recreation.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: This unit is dissected by numerous motorized primitive routes and BLM Road 7155-A. This road ascends the west flank of Juniper Mountain and was substantially noticeable from vantage points across much of the unit during the 1980 inventory. Clark Cow Camp, with a corral and buildings, was a substantial imprint on the west side of the unit. Five reservoirs, a wildlife guzzler, and 3.5 miles of permanent livestock fence were also inventoried. The cumulative effect of these developments significantly detracted from the naturalness of the unit and it was determined the unit was not natural.

Current Condition Description: All of the developments described above still exist. The BLM's review of current data related to natural conditions found that some conditions have changed since the 1980 inventory. Additional human developments have occurred since 1980. The vegetation on about two-thirds of the unit has not changed significantly since 1980. However, in 2001, a lightning-caused wildfire burned across the northern third of the unit. Though the fire represents a natural disturbance and may contribute to the ecological diversity of the surrounding area, the fire killed approximately 30-40% of the western juniper overstory on Juniper Mountain proper. Currently, much of the native understory in the burn area is recovering but the vegetative screening has been reduced in the burn area.

About 6,335 acres of this unit immediately surrounding Juniper Mountain was designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a Research Natural Area (RNA) in 2003. This designation recognizes the "relevant and important" natural system/process values of a fully mature old growth juniper woodland in the High Desert Province, as well as providing a good example of an intact western juniper/big sagebrush/Idaho fescue plant community in the Basin and Range Ecosystem. The 2001 wildfire burned about 35% of the ACEC/RNA, killing much of the juniper in this portion of the ACEC/RNA.

The unit currently contains about 0.2 miles of road and 18.3 miles of motorized routes that are not regularly maintained, many of which provide access to water developments. The unit contains an estimated 2.8 miles of fence, 11 developed livestock waterholes, 5 developed springs, 6 reservoirs, 3 wildlife guzzlers, and 42 acres on non-native seeding (Map 2). Remnants of the cow camp are still visible along the west central boundary of the unit. These human imprints are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances.

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The previous inventory report concluded that the one subunit that met the size criteria (1-72A) did not provide an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of the subunit's small size and lack of vegetative screening.

Current Condition Description: Considering the three former subunits collectively as a single, larger unit increases the potential for solitude. The topography of Juniper Mountain and the juniper tree cover that remains provides natural screening on less than half of the unit. The southern third and northern quarter of this area are flatter terrain and lack tall vegetative screening; it is more difficult to find solitude in these portions of the unit.

The boundary roads, as described above, along with an increase of 18.5 miles of new internal routes provide increased motorized access to more of the unit, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the solitude experience of others compared to 1980.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over the area at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their Juniper Mountain WSA proposal made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination

process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have declined since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the increased number and location of human developments, the increased motorized access to this area, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: Recreational activities identified included wildlife observation, hunting and trapping. However, due to the motorized access and the number of human made features, the unit was not considered to be an outstanding area for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Current Condition Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. There are a few undeveloped "hunter camps" in the unit adjacent to existing roads and routes (Map 2). Currently, hunting and hiking/camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing route system. There is no developed trail system (other than existing routes) to encourage hiking, backpacking or equestrian use in the unit. The unit offers some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, these activities are associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments and increased motorized access to the area.

The unit does not offer any single outstanding primitive or unconfined recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-72 Juniper Mountain

Summary

Results of Analysis:

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

Conclusion

Check One:

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

The area does not have wilderness character.

Prepared by and Team Member:

Kim McLean, ORP/Wilderness Coordinator November 28, 2008

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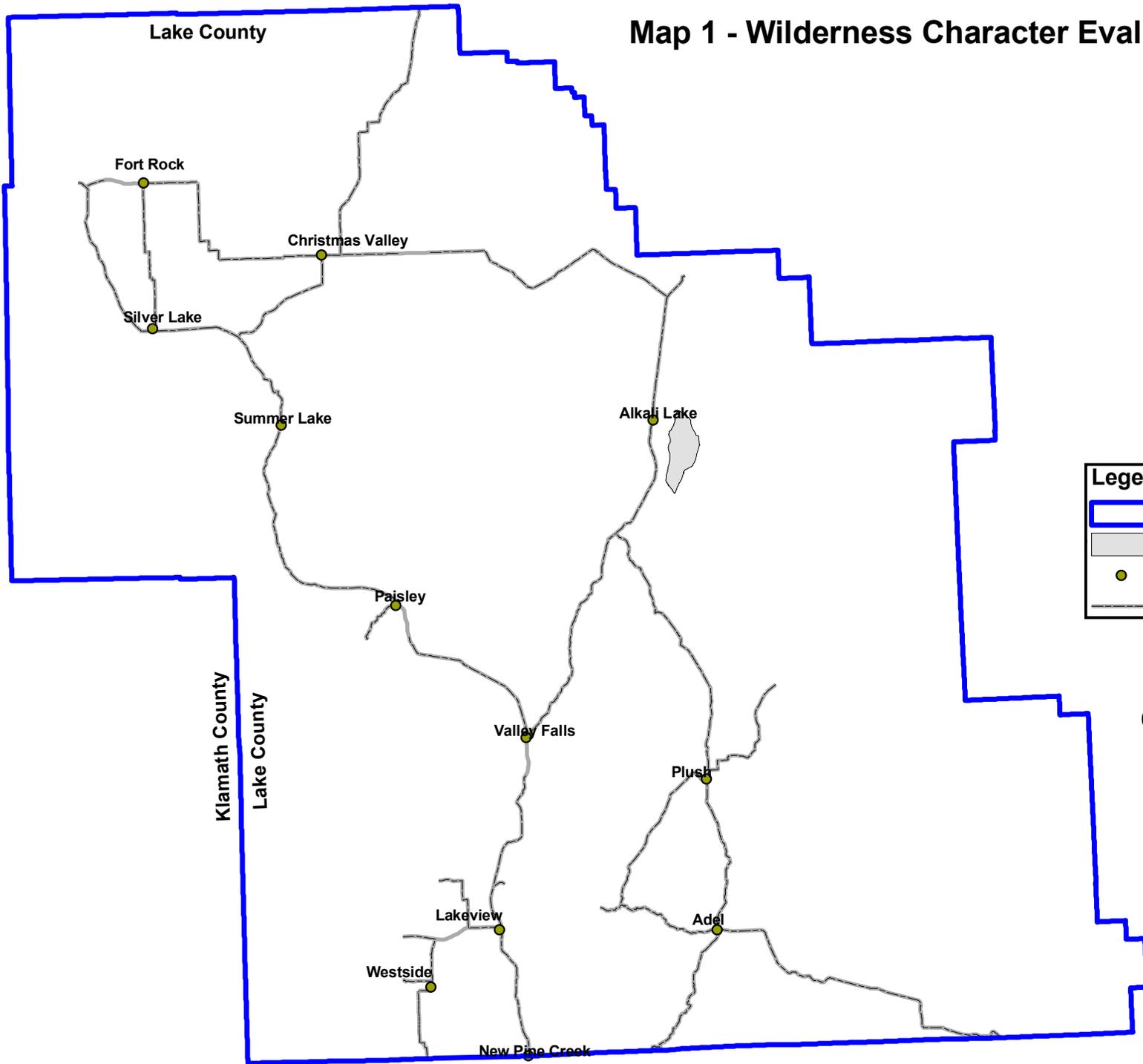
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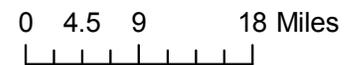
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

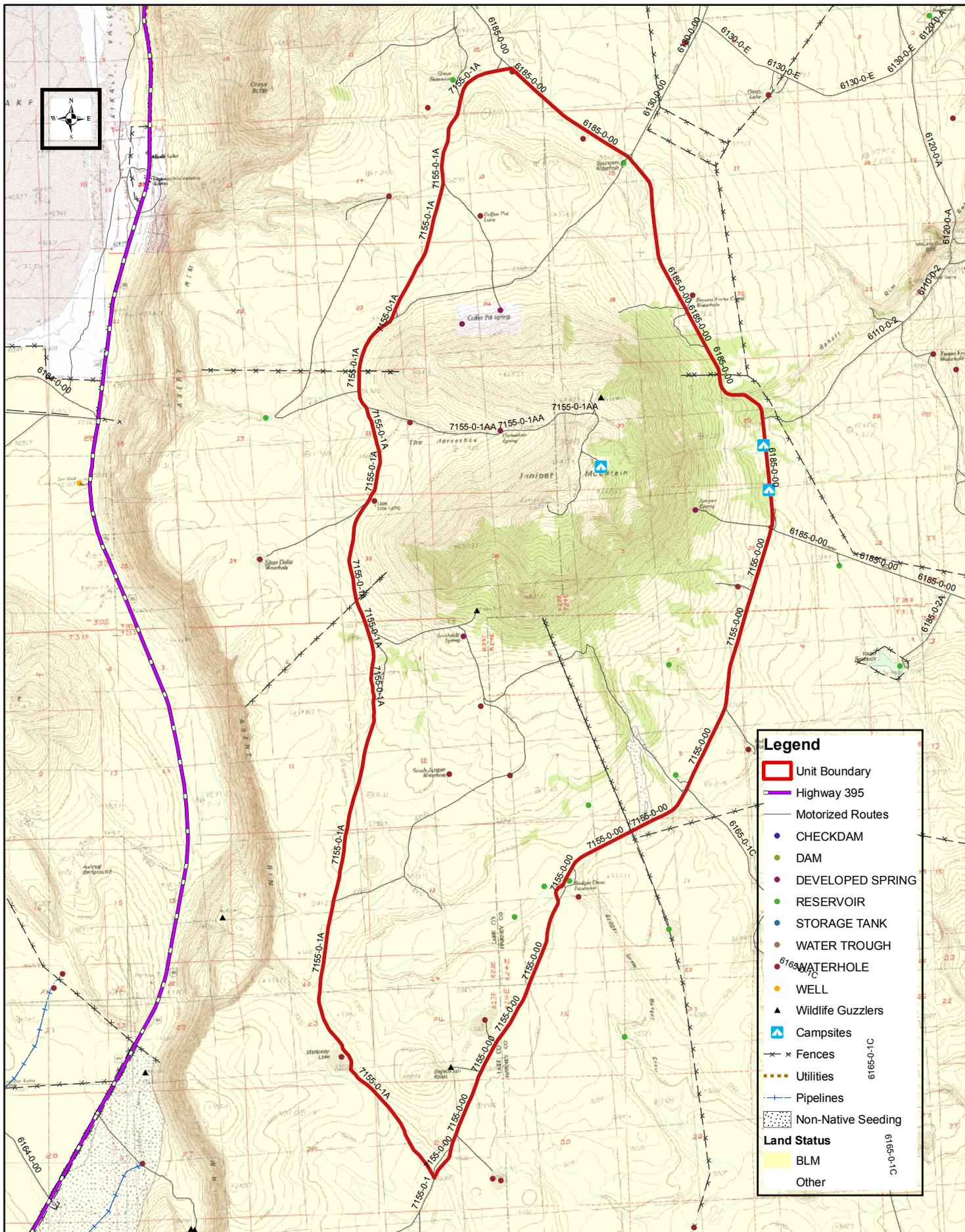


Legend

- Lakeview Resource Area
- Wilderness Unit Boundary
- Cities
- Major Roads



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Legend

- Unit Boundary
- Highway 395
- Motorized Routes
- CHECKDAM
- DAM
- DEVELOPED SPRING
- RESERVOIR
- STORAGE TANK
- WATER TROUGH
- WATERHOLE
- WELL
- ▲ Wildlife Guzzlers
- ▲ Campsites
- Fences
- Utilities
- Pipelines
- Non-Native Seeding

Land Status

- BLM
- Other



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Map 2 - Unit 1-72

FORM 1

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

Year: 2008

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-85 Eagle Butte

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: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

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

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November, 1980

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	13,220	N	N	N	N
Private	0				

Inventory Source: **Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980**

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-85 Eagle Butte**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

The unit is bounded by BLM Roads 7155-0-00 and 7155-0-1C on the west; BLM Road 6165-0-00 on the south and southeast; BLM Road 6165-0-1C on the east. All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan, are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access to the surrounding area, and continue to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Maps 1 and 2).

The original unit was bounded completely by existing roads, as described above, and covered an estimated 13,220 acres (BLM 1980). The current estimate of size, based on GIS data, is 13,899 acres.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain 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. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

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

This unit includes approximately 13,899 acres of BLM-administered land. It is located about two and one-half miles south of Juniper Mountain proper. The terrain consists of sagebrush covered flats and a few low, rolling hills which add slight topographic relief to

the area. Eagle Butte proper is a small butte located in the southeast corner of the unit. There are eight ephemeral lakes in the unit.

The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, BLM staff administering or monitoring allotments in the area, and hunters.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory found six miles of ways and 11 developed waterholes in the unit. The waterhole developments at Badger Hole Draw were described as extremely obvious imprints of man's work on the landscape. The 1980 inventory concluded that the cumulative impact from water developments and associated access routes resulted in the works of man being substantially noticeable and prevented the unit from satisfying naturalness criteria.

Current Unit Description: Current data related to natural conditions shows that some conditions have changed since 1980. Human imprints on the landscape now total 11.4 miles of internal routes that are not regularly maintained, many of which provide access to water developments. There are now approximately 8.3 miles of fence crossing the center of the unit and 13 developed waterholes and 3 reservoirs scattered throughout the unit. There is also one active Sunstone mining operation operating on an active claim in a historically mined area covering several acres in Section 4 just southwest of Eagle Butte (Map 2). These developments/human disturbances are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances.

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

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

Yes _____ No N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory concluded that it would be "extremely difficult" to escape the sights, sounds, and presence of others within the unit due to flat topography and the lack of vegetative screening. The unit was found not to offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Current Unit Description: The physical characteristics of unit size, terrain, and lack of both vegetative and topographic screening have not changed since the original inventory. The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, BLM staff administering or monitoring allotments, and hunters. The boundary roads, as described above, along with the significant increase in internal routes provide increased motorized

access to more of the unit compared to 1980, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the solitude experience of others.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over Juniper Mountain at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the number and location of human developments/disturbances, the motorized access to this area, lack of vegetative screening, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

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

Yes ___ No X N/A ___

1980 Unit Description: The unit was described as having the potential for hunting, trapping, and wildlife observation, but these opportunities were not considered to be outstanding. The unit was also identified as lacking any features of high recreation interest.

Current Unit Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping, but it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities. The lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. Currently, hunting and hiking/camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to actually occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing route system. There is no developed trail system (other than the existing route system) to encourage hiking, backpacking or equestrian use in the unit. The unit offers some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, these activities are associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments/disturbances and increased motorized access to the area. The unit does not offer any single outstanding primitive or unconfined recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X_____

Description:

Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-85 Eagle Butte

Summary

Results of Analysis:

- 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
- 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-has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

Prepared by and Team Member:

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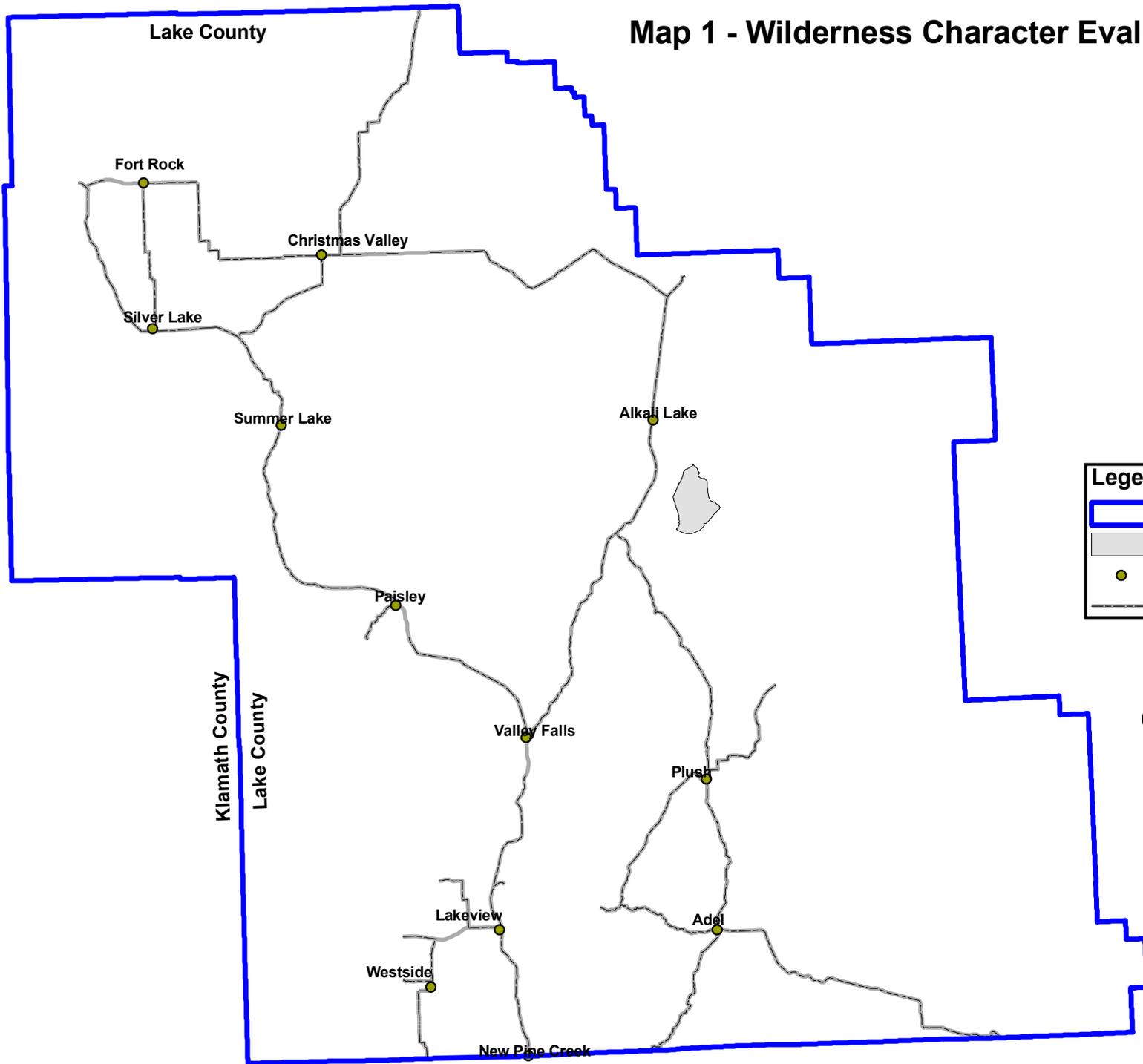
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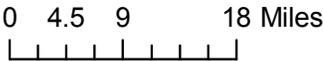
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

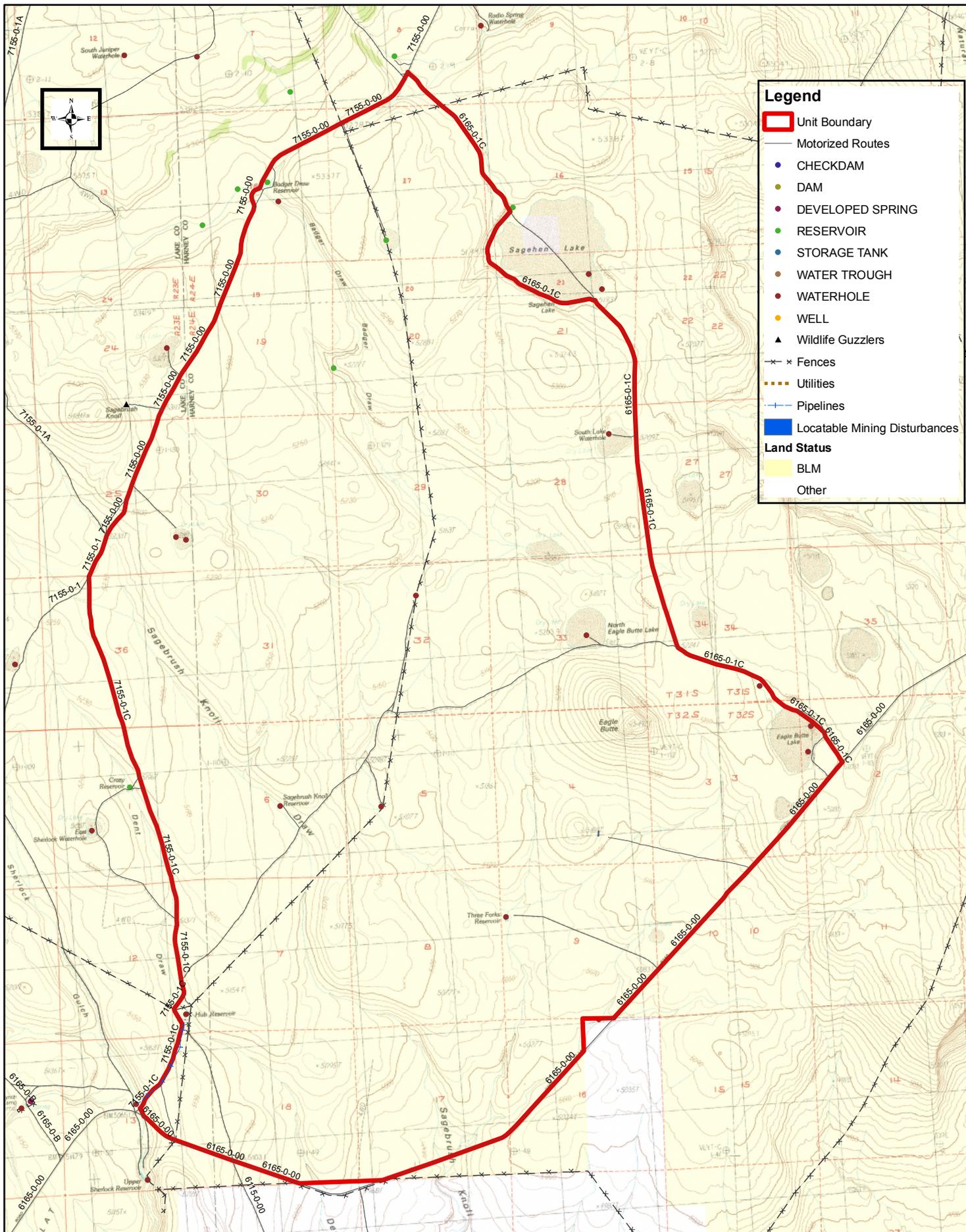


Legend

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- Major Roads



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- WATERHOLE
- WELL
- ▲ Wildlife Guzzlers
- Fences
- Utilities
- Pipelines
- Locatable Mining Disturbances

Land Status

- BLM
- Other



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Map 2 - Unit 1-85

FORM 1

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

Year: 2008

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-86 Natural Corral Draw

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: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-86 Natural Corral Draw

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions November, 1980

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	12,500	N	N	N	N
Private	40				

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final Intensive Inventory Decisions November 1980

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-86 Natural Corral Draw**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

This unit currently contains approximately 14,155 acres of BLM-administered land. There is an inholding of about 40 acres of private land at Sagehen Lake. The unit is bounded by BLM Roads 7155-0-00 on the northwest; BLM Road 6185-0-00 on the north; BLM Road 6165-0-1C on the west; BLM Road 6165-0-00 on the south (see Maps 1 and 2). All of these BLM boundary roads are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan. They are still present on the ground, are currently used to provide access to the surrounding area and for management purposes, and they meet the wilderness inventory definition of road.

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 67,948-acre Juniper Mountain 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. Additional photos were provided in 2007. They identified the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA as large area (comprised of four former inventory units: 1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-86) which they believe have no interior routes which meet the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road.

The BLM ID Team conducted field inventory and completed road analyses on the routes within this proposed area and found that several of the routes ONDA identified as "ways" are still, in fact, boundary roads (the completed road analysis forms are included in the wilderness inventory file). The BLM found the Juniper Mountain proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are closer, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

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

This unit is located approximately 24 miles north of Plush, Oregon and two miles east of Juniper Mountain proper (Map 1). In 1980, the unit was described as containing approximately 12,500 acres of BLM land and 40 acres of private land. The current estimate of size is based on GIS data and this shows the unit as being 14,155 acres.

The unit is located on a high plateau with rolling terrain. Big sage, low sagebrush, and grasses are the primary vegetative cover. There are nine ephemeral lakes in the unit, the largest being Sagehen Lake. Topographic relief and vegetative screening are minimal throughout the unit.

The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, hunters, and BLM staff.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 inventory documented ten developed lakebed pits, four vehicle ways, and one spring development. The cumulative impacts from these developments were substantially noticeable and the unit was identified as not being substantially free from the works of man. Therefore, it was not found to be natural.

Current Unit Description: The unit currently contains 6.5 miles of internal motorized routes that are not regularly maintained, most of which provide access to existing water developments. There are an estimated 8.7 miles of fence crossing the center of the unit and 8 developed waterholes and 4 reservoirs scattered throughout the unit. Most of these human imprints are substantially noticeable within a quarter mile and less noticeable from farther distances (Map 2).

Based on a review of the findings of the 1980 inventory and the presence of numerous additional developments that have been constructed or human disturbances that have occurred in the unit over the last 25 years, the ID Team agreed with the original inventory and concluded the unit is not natural.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: Due to the characteristics of the vegetation and topography, the 1980 inventory concluded that an outstanding opportunity for solitude did not exist in this unit. The minor topographic variation of the rolling hills would allow some measure of solitude, but the opportunity for solitude was considered too limited to be outstanding.

Current Unit Description: The unit size, terrain, and lack of screening have not changed since the original inventory. The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, hunters, and BLM staff. The boundary roads, as described above, along with the increase in internal routes provide increased motorized access to more of the unit compared to 1980, increasing the potential for people to visit the area and disrupt the solitude experience of others.

This area lies beneath airspace that is used by the military for low altitude tactical training and is known as the Juniper Low Altitude Military Operation Area (MOA). The MOA was established in the mid-1990's and is outside BLM's regulatory or management authority. Jet fighters frequently fly over Juniper Mountain at very low altitude causing noticeable and/or loud noise intrusions into the surrounding area. Though this factor is an "outside sight or sound" that, in and of itself, does not preclude the area from meeting the solitude criteria, the aircraft adversely impact the opportunity for solitude in the area on a frequent basis.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for solitude outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the number and location of human developments/disturbances, the motorized access to this area, lack of vegetative screening, and noise intrusions from military aircraft.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The unit was identified as lacking in characteristics that would lead to an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation. The unit's size and terrain were not suited to backpacking or similar activities. The unit was identified as offering limited opportunities for hunting, and low quality opportunities for hiking and backpacking.

Current Unit Description: The ID Team found the current recreational opportunities were similar to those identified in 1980. The unit offers limited opportunities for hunting, hiking, and backcountry camping, but it does not provide outstanding opportunities for these activities. The lack of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout the unit do not contribute to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

ONDA's report indicated that the sheer size of their proposed Juniper Mountain WSA made the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation outstanding. As part of its boundary determination process, the BLM found that this unit is not part of one contiguous roadless area as proposed by ONDA, but is closer in size and shape to BLM's original inventoried unit.

ONDA's inventory identified wildlife observation, photography, exploration, sight-seeing, hiking, horse-back riding, and backpacking as potential recreation opportunities within the larger Juniper Mountain Proposed WSA. Currently, hunting and hiking/

camping associated directly with hunting activities are the primary recreational uses known to actually occur within this unit. This use is tied directly to the motorized access provided by the existing route system. There is no developed trail system (other than the existing route system) to encourage hiking, backpacking or equestrian use in the unit. The unit offers some potential for the other types of recreation opportunities that ONDA suggests. However, these activities are associated with the ability to access the area by motorized vehicle on the existing route system, and therefore, would not be a primitive recreational experience.

The ID Team reviewed ONDA's proposal and BLM's information and found that the opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation have not improved since 1980 due to the increased number of human developments/disturbances, terrain, and increased motorized access to the area. The unit does not offer any single outstanding primitive or unconfined recreational opportunity or an outstanding diversity of recreational opportunities.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit is not natural nor does it provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-86 Natural Corral Draw

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
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-has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

Prepared by and Team Member:

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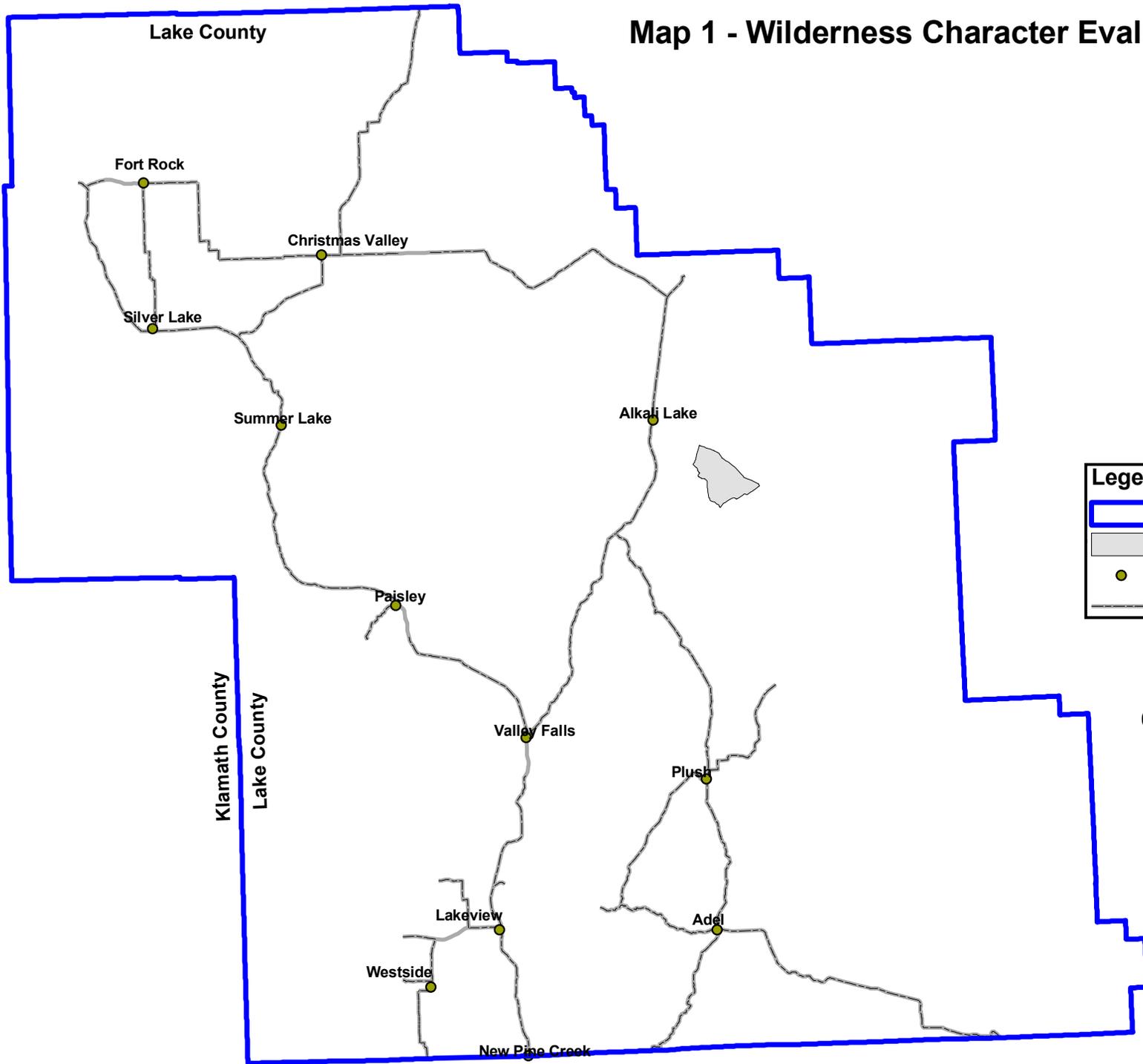
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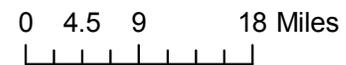
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

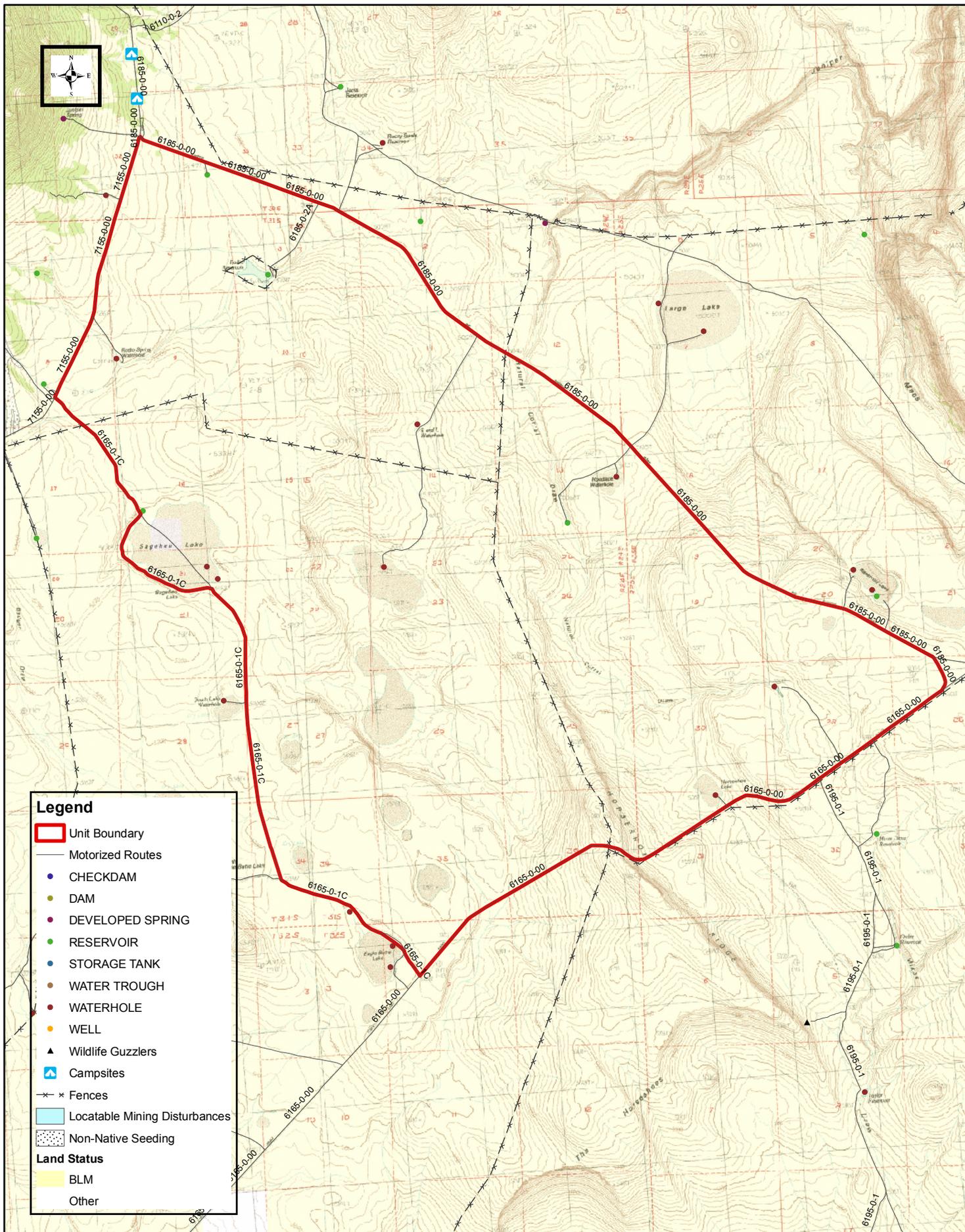


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Map 2 - Unit 1-86

FORM 1

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

Year: 2008

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Unnumbered Units

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area? This area was not described in the 1980 inventory report and because of this there is no previous information to summarize or use for comparison.

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): _____

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: Not Applicable

Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM					
Private					

Inventory Source: This area was not evaluated in the 1980 wilderness inventory.

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **Sherlock Gulch North and Sherlock Gulch South (No Numbers; Not Inventoried in 1980)**

(1) Are the units of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No X

The area is bounded by BLM Roads 7155-0-1 on the west and northwest, BLM Road 7155-0-1C on the east, and BLM Road 6165-0-00 on the south. Initially it appeared that this previously uninventoried area met the size criteria. The area covers approximately 5,317 acres of BLM-administered lands. Upon further examination, the area was found to be bisected by BLM Road 6165-0-B. All of these routes are BLM roads that are part of the Lakeview Resource Area's transportation plan and are still present on the ground; they are regularly used and continue to meet the wilderness inventory definition of a road. The individual route analyses are documented on separate road analysis forms contained in the wilderness inventory file. Because these existing routes meet the wilderness inventory road definition, they form the boundary of two units named Sherlock Gulch North (2994 acres) and Sherlock Gulch South (2323 acres), both of which are too small to meet the size criteria.

The units are bordered on all sides by 1980 Inventory Units (1-71, 1-72, 1-85, and 1-106), but were not inventoried during that process. The area was likely eliminated from further study in 1980 due to the presence of BLM Road 6165-0-B. Since the 2 units currently do not meet the minimum size criteria they have not been evaluated further.

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

(2) Are the units in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(3) Do the units have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(4) Do the units have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Do the units have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Sherlock Gulch North and Sherlock Gulch South (No Numbers)

Summary Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of 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-has wilderness character.
- The area does not have wilderness character.

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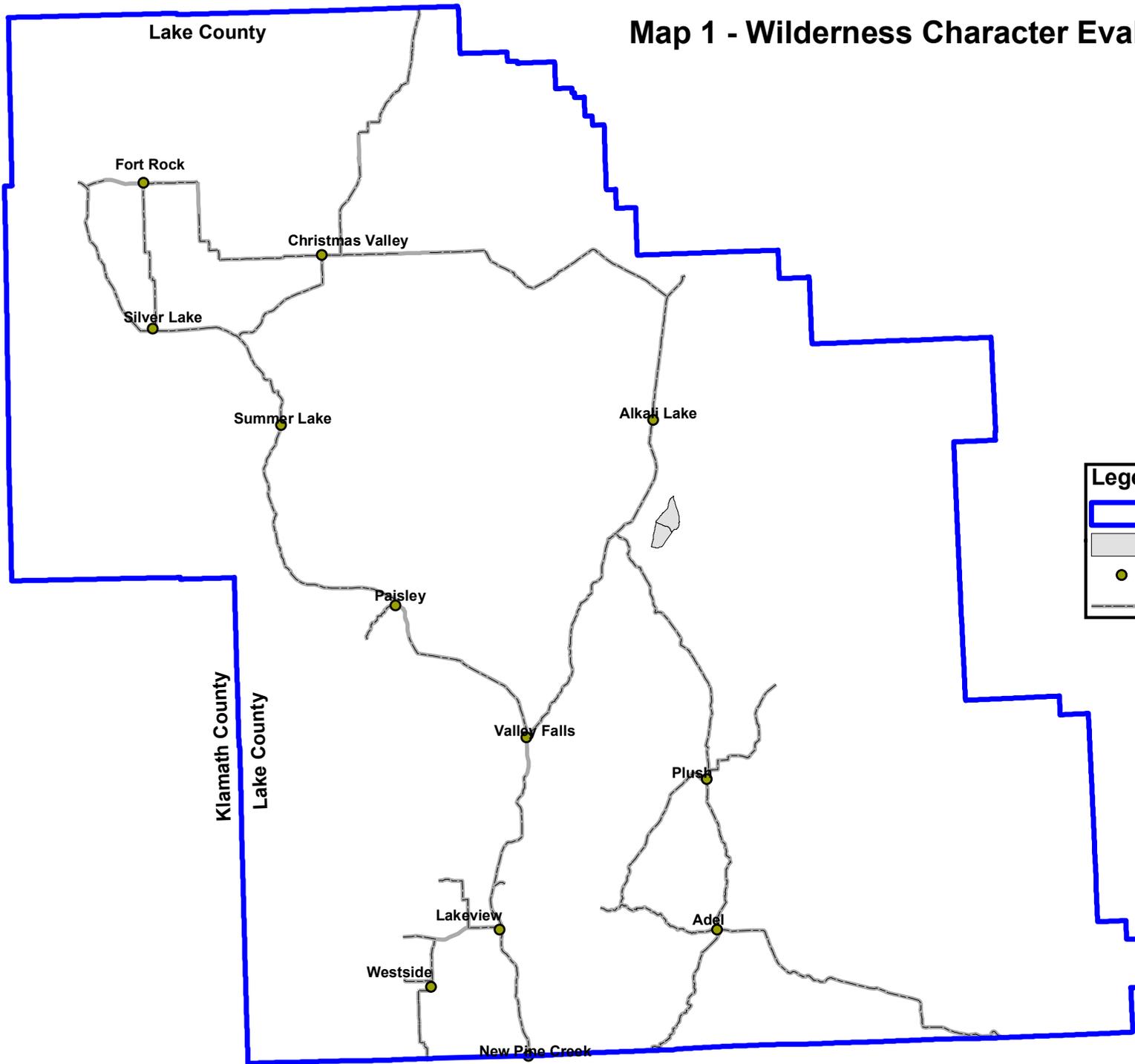
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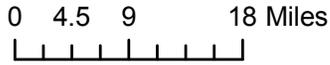
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