

Year **2011**

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Monument Rock/OR-015-210

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** (go to Form 2) Yes _____ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

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

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/acreage and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

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

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: Monument Rock/OR-015-210

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

In the late spring of 2008, BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventory for the area. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes within this unit. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM ID team completed an analysis of the main motorized routes within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The unit boundaries consist primarily of land ownership boundaries and rights-of-ways. On the north, the boundary consists of private land ownership boundaries and the State Highway 31 right-of-way. On the east and west the boundaries consist of private land ownership boundaries. On the south, the boundary is made up of an administrative land ownership boundary with the Fremont-Winema National Forest and a right-of-way for Forest Service Road 33 (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, and photo logs located in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations.

The inventory unit is approximately five miles long and three miles wide and contains approximately 5,977 acres of BLM-administered lands (Map 2). Following the boundary determinations, the BLM ID team subsequently evaluated the wilderness characteristics within this area. The results are contained in the following sections. Additional background on the process that the BLM ID team followed during this evaluation is contained in the document, *Wilderness Inventory Process for the Lakeview Resource Area, BLM*, which is contained in the wilderness inventory file.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: The unit is located roughly three miles west of the town of Paisley and contains approximately 420 acres of private inholdings (Map 1 and 2). The topography can be described as a plateau of rolling nobbs with several small draws some of which open to buttes which parallel the northern boundary. Vegetation consists of sagebrush, grasses, and juniper.

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

The unit contains one well, 9.6 miles of pasture fence, 0.2 miles of pipeline associated with water developments. Within the unit there are 9.25 miles of primitive motorized routes and trails, and 3 mineral pits totaling about 40 acres (see *Table 1 and Map 2*). These man-made developments are localized to the periphery of the unit and are

substantially noticeable within close distances (up to a quarter mile) and less noticeable from farther distances.

Table 1: Disturbance Summary

Monument Rock	Unit OR-015-210
Water Developments (number) -Well	1
Pipeline (miles)	0.2
Pasture Fence (miles)	9.6
Primitive Motorized Routes (miles)	9.25
Mineral Pits (number/acres)	3/40

For the reasons specified above and based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the ID team concluded that the unit is in a primarily natural condition where the works of man are substantially unnoticeable.

(3) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for solitude?** Yes _____ No X N/A _____

The topographic relief within the unit creates some small pockets of solitude due to a few drainages and buttes spread across the area. However, this is within a small core area of the unit. The unit’s overall shape consists of several narrow sections surrounded by private lands where outside developments are notable, mostly along the northern and western edges where Highway 31 and agriculture activity is prominent. Due to the shape of the unit and the 420-acre private inholding, solitude opportunities are severely limited.

The most common visitors to the unit include livestock permittees, BLM staff, hunters, and other recreationists. The continued presence of boundary roads and internal motorized routes (Map 2) provides motorized access to the perimeter and portions of the interior of the unit. The area is currently open to off-highway vehicle use (see Map R-7 of Lakeview RMP/ROD) and is managed to provide motorized access. The motorized access increases the likelihood of encountering other people visiting the unit. The noise associated with motorized activity may further diminish the solitude experience for those visitors attempting to get away from others.

For the reasons specified above and based on a review of all the available information including (BLM and citizen provided) photos, staff knowledge and field review, the ID team concluded that unit does not have an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Yes _____ No X N/A _____

The BLM currently manages the area to provide semi-primitive motorized recreational experiences. Further, the area is open off-highway vehicle use (see Maps R-3 and R-7 of

Lakeview RMP/ROD). The BLM ID Team considered the primitive recreation opportunities identified as hunting and wildlife observation to be the primary primitive recreation opportunities available. These recreation opportunities are similar to those available on other surrounding BLM lands within the Lakeview Resource Area and are not unique or outstanding. The unit does not provide a single, unique primitive recreational opportunity, nor does it provide a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities.

For the reasons specified above and based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge and field review, the ID team concluded that unit does not have an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values? Yes _____ No ___N/A__X___

The unit was not evaluated for supplemental values since it did not meet the minimum criteria for wilderness character

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Monument Rock/OR-015-210

Summary Results of Analysis:

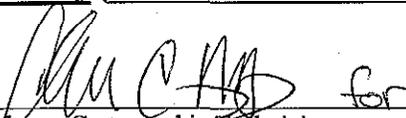
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2. Does the area appear to be natural? _Yes _No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? _Yes _No _NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? _Yes _No _NA

Conclusion (Check One):

The area- or a portion of the area- has wilderness character (items 1, 2 and 3 are checked "yes").

The area does not have wilderness character (any of items 1, 2 and 3 are checked "no").

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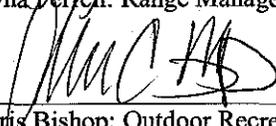
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Year: 2011 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Monument Rock Area – small units

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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/acreage and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

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

Summarize any known primary reasons for prior inventory findings listed in this table:

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. **Unit Number/Name:** Monument Rock Area – small units

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

In the late spring of 2008, BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventory for the area. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes within this unit. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM ID team completed an analysis of the main motorized routes within the area in April 2011. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

On the south and southwest, the units are bounded primarily by USFS lands and private land boundaries. On the north, east, south, and southeast, the units are bounded by a combination of private lands, rights-of-ways, and USFS land. See Map 2, road analysis forms, photos, and photo logs in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations.

As a result of these boundary determinations, there are a total of 8 inventory units within the Monument Rock Area (Map 2). Only one of these inventory units met the minimum size criteria and has been evaluated separately (OR-015-210). The remaining 7 units are each significantly less than 5,000 acres. They range in size from 40 to 1,618 acres and do not meet the minimum size criteria or any exception to the minimum size criteria.

Additional background on the process that the BLM ID team followed during this evaluation is contained in the document, *Wilderness Inventory Maintenance Process for the Lakeview Resource Area, BLM*, contained in the wilderness inventory file.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

The 7 unnumbered inventory units in the Monument Rock Area are comprised of BLM-administered land located approximately 3 miles southwest of the town Paisley, Oregon (Map 1). The topography can be described as flat plateau lands in the middle with broken upland rims to the south. The dominant vegetation in the area is sagebrush and scattered juniper with a few stands of pine near the west and southern units.

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

The current natural condition of these units was not evaluated because the units failed to meet the minimum size requirement.

(3) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for solitude?** Yes _____ No _____ N/A **X**

The current opportunities for solitude within these units were not evaluated because the units failed to meet the minimum size requirement.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes _____ No _____ N/A **X**

The current opportunities for recreation within these units were not evaluated because the units failed to meet the minimum size requirement.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values? Yes _____ No _____ N/A **X**

Supplemental value was not evaluated within these units because the units failed to meet the wilderness criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Monument Rock Area – small units

Summary Results of Analysis:

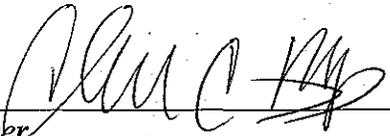
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2. Does the area appear to be natural? ___ Yes ___ No **X N/A**
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ___ Yes ___ No **X N/A**
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ___ Yes ___ No **X N/A**

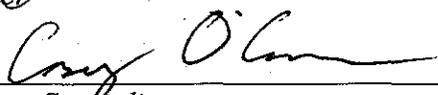
Conclusion (Check One):

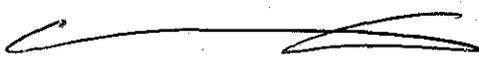
 The area- or a portion of the area- has wilderness character:
(items 1, 2 and 3 must be checked “yes”).

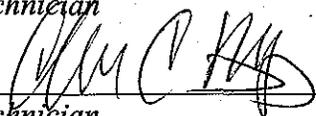
X **The area does not have wilderness character:** (any of items 1, 2 and 3 are checked “no”).

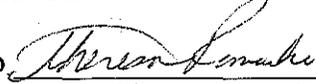
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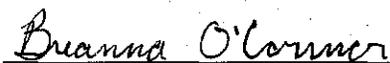
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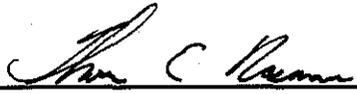
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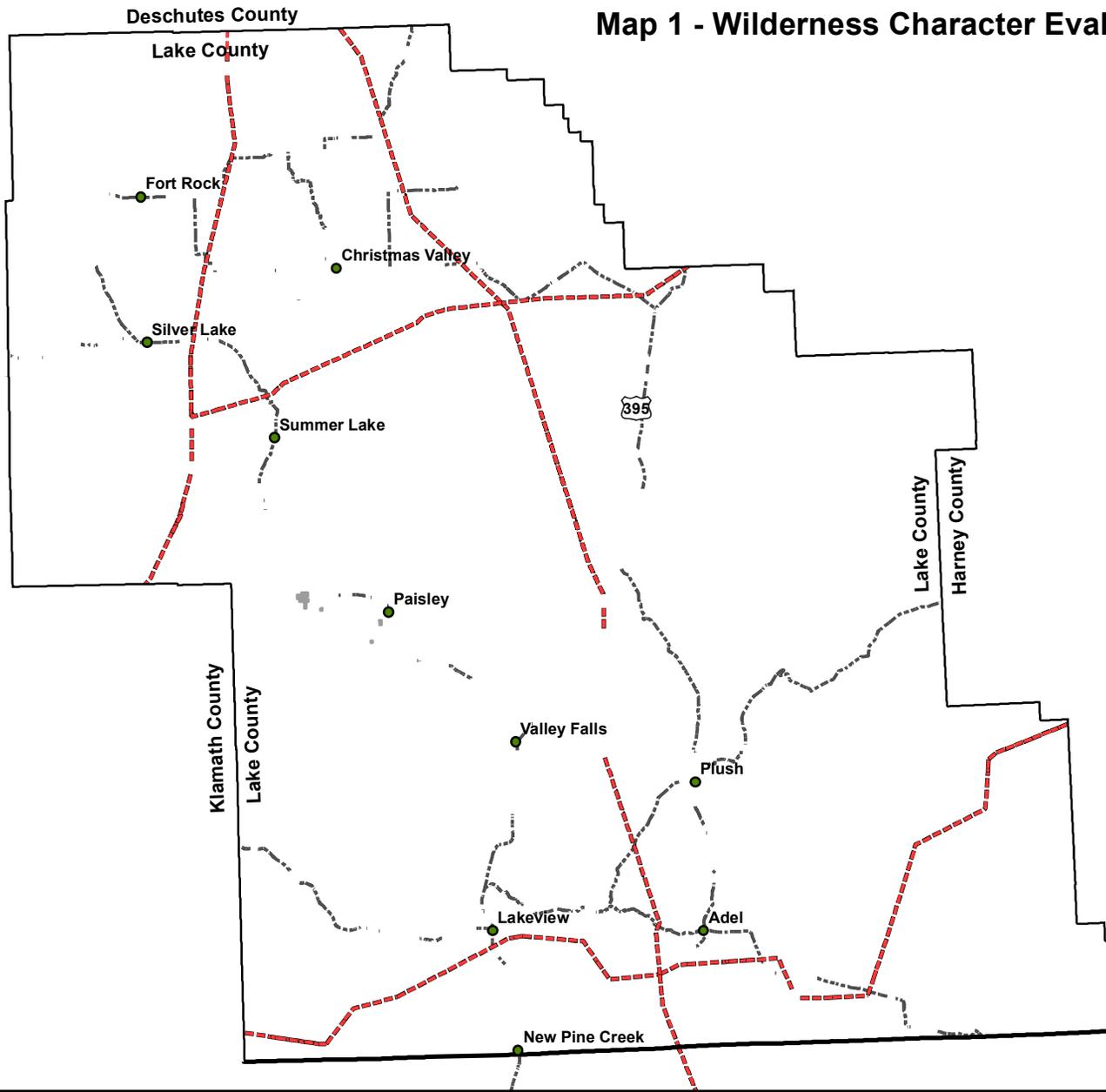
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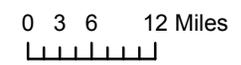
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

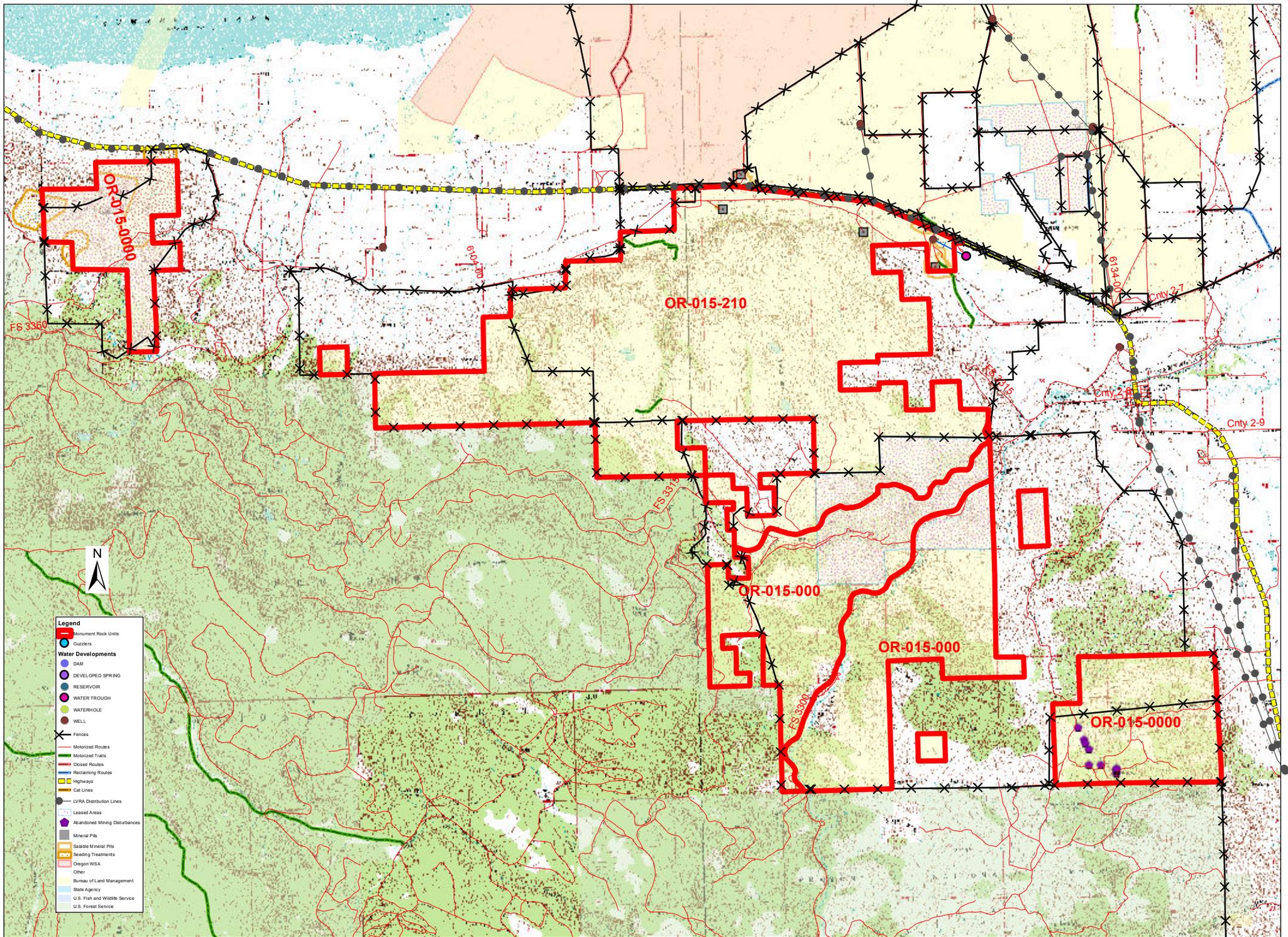


Legend

- Cities
- Monument Rock Units
- Resource Area Boundary
- Major Utility Corridors
- Major Roads

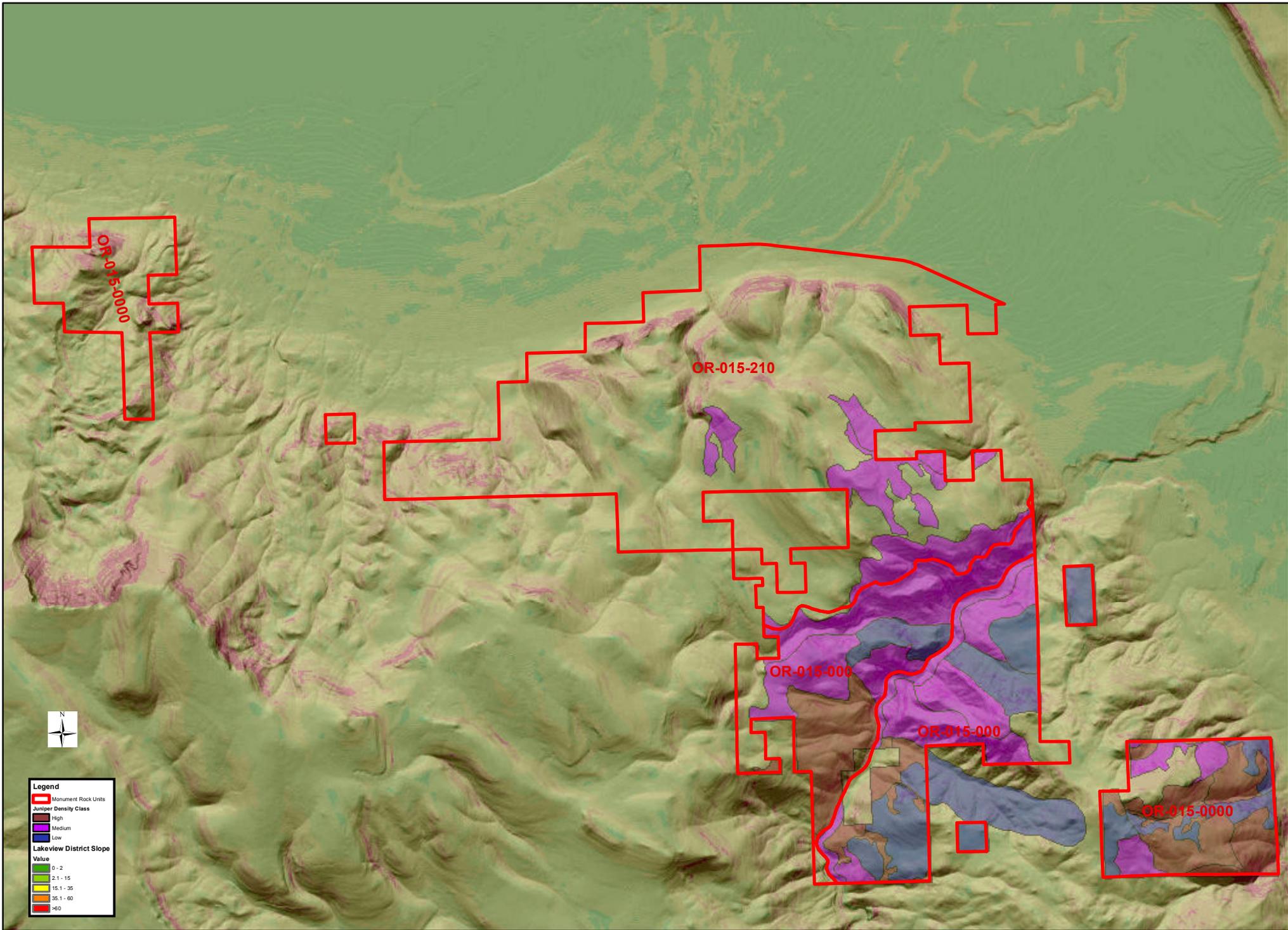


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Map 2 - Wilderness Character in the Monument Rock Area

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Miles



0 0.3 0.6 1.2 Miles

Map 3 - Screening in the Monument Rock Area

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