

Year: 2011

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Tucker Hill/OR-015-116

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

a) **Inventory Source:** Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory: Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics. Oregon and Washington. U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management; April 1979.

b) **Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):** OR-1-116

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Final Decision-Initial Wilderness Inventory, public lands and Islands which do not have wilderness characteristics and units to be intensively inventoried, August 1979.

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#	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
OR-1-116	BLM: 10,800 Other: 0	N	N	N	N/A

**Summarize any known primary reasons for prior inventory findings listed in this table:**  
In 1979, topography was described as a ridge of hills to the north and sloping flat valley to the south. Sagebrush and scattered juniper were listed as the vegetation types present. Human disturbances included mining claims and assessments, gravel pit operations, a sagebrush spray project, and a 1,800 acre crested wheat-grass seeding. After review the BLM determined that there was clear and obvious evidence that the unit did not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature and, therefore, did not contain wilderness characteristics.

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name Tucker Hill/OR-015-116

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

Between 2008 and 2011, BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the Tucker Hill Area to update its road and wilderness inventory for the area. 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 are defined by land ownership boundaries and motorized routes which have been determined to meet the wilderness definition of a road. The northern boundary consists of two numbed roads and private land ownership boundary. To the southeast and west the unit's boundaries are formed by county right-of-ways for Roads 2-10 and 2-10A. The remainder of the unit boundaries consist of private land ownership boundaries (Map 2). (Refer to the route analysis forms, photos and photo logs in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations.

The inventory unit approximately 4.5 miles wide and 4 miles long, and is now smaller than the unit evaluated in 1979. It currently contains approximately 8,320 acres of BLM-administered lands (Map 2). Following boundary determination, the BLM ID team subsequently evaluated the wilderness characteristics within this unit. 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*. Both documents are contained in the wilderness inventory file.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:** The unit is located approximately 10 miles southeast of the town of Paisley (Map 1). The topography can be described as flat plateau lands in the middle with broken upland rims to the south. Dominant vegetation types continue to be sagebrush with small pockets of juniper. Most of the unit falls within the Red Knoll Area of Critical Environmental Concern (see Map 2), which was designated in the Lakeview RMP/ROD in 2003 to protect cultural resources in the area.

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

In 1979, the unit did not meet the naturalness criteria (See Form 1). There has been a number of additional developments since the 1979 evaluation. The unit currently contains five developed springs, five reservoirs, 6.5 miles of pasture division fence, one

mineral pit, and 1.4 miles of open motorized routes. In addition, there are about 2.7 miles of closed routes that are still visible on the landscape. The natural character of this unit has not improved since 1979. The works of man have increased and continue to be substantially noticeable. These disturbances are distributed throughout the unit and cannot be logically excluded (see Map 2 and Table 1).

*Table 1: Disturbance Summary*

<b>Tucker Hill Area</b>	<b>Unit OR-015-116</b>
Water Developments (count)	
-Developed Springs	5
-Reservoirs	5
Pasture Fence (miles)	6.5
Closed Routes (miles)	2.7
Primitive Motorized Routes (miles)	1.4
Mineral Pit (number/acres)	1/5

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 not in a natural condition free from the works of man and affected primarily by the forces of nature.

**(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 were not evaluated due to the unit failing to meet the naturalness criteria.

**(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 primitive or unconfined recreation were not evaluated due to the unit failing to meet the solitude criteria.

**(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_X\_\_\_

Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit did not meet the minimum wilderness criteria.

## Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name/Number: Tucker Hill Unit OR-015-116

### Summary Results of Analysis:

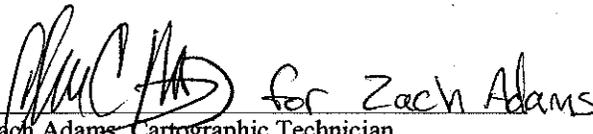
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2. Does the area appear to be natural?              \_Yes \_No
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### Conclusion (*Check One*):

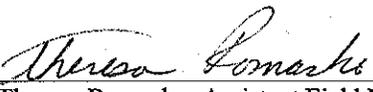
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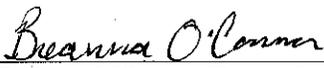
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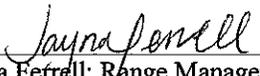
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Year: 2011 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Tucker Hill Area Units<5,000 Acres

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**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record**

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

In 1979, topography was described as a ridge of hills to the north and sloping flat valley to the south. Sagebrush and scattered juniper were listed as the vegetation types present. Human disturbances included mining claims and assessments, gravel pit operations, a sagebrush spray project, and a 1,800 acre crested wheat-grass seeding. After review the BLM determined that there was clear and obvious evidence that the unit did not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature and, therefore, did not contain wilderness characteristics.

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

**a. Unit Number/Name:** Tucker Hill Area Inventory Units<5,000 Acres

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

Between 2008 and 2011, 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. 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 April 2011. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

These units are bounded primarily by private or USFS lands. A couple of units are bounded by county or unnumbered BLM roads. See Map 2, road analysis forms, photos, and photo logs in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these road determinations.

As a result, there are a total of 24 inventory units within the Tucker Hill Area. Only one of these inventory units met the minimum size criteria and has been evaluated separately (OR-015-116). The other 23 units less are all less than 5,000 acres in size. They range in size from 12 acres to 4,618 acres and do not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the 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 23 small inventory units in the Tucker Hill Area are comprised of BLM-administered land located approximately 10 miles southeast of the town of Paisley, OR (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 western most 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

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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: Tucker Hill Area Inventory Units<5,000 Acres

#### **Summary Results of Analysis:**

1. Does the area meet the size requirements?      \_\_\_ Yes X No
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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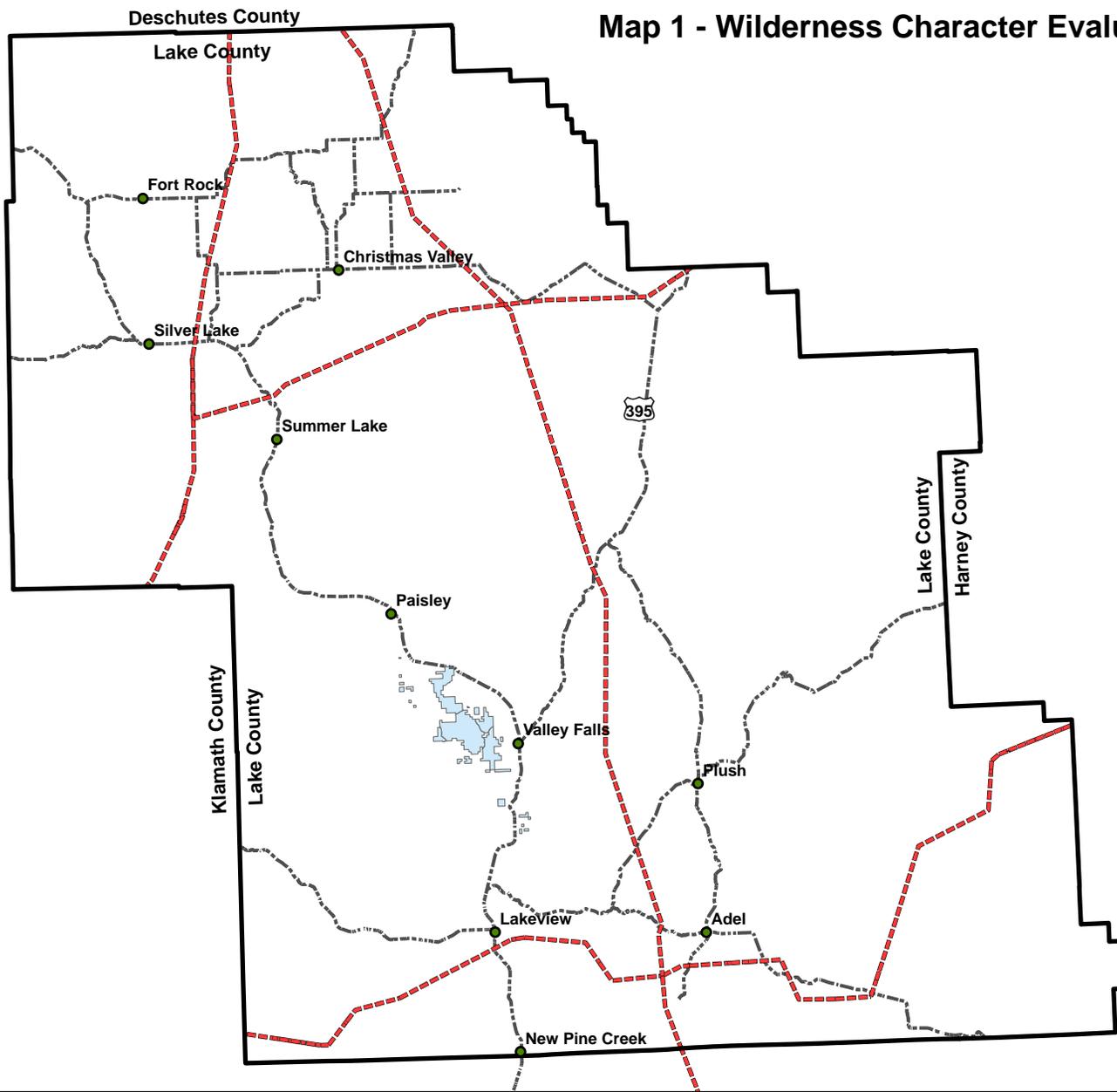
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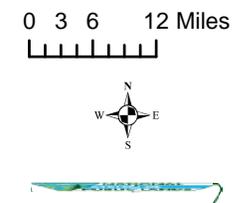
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# Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

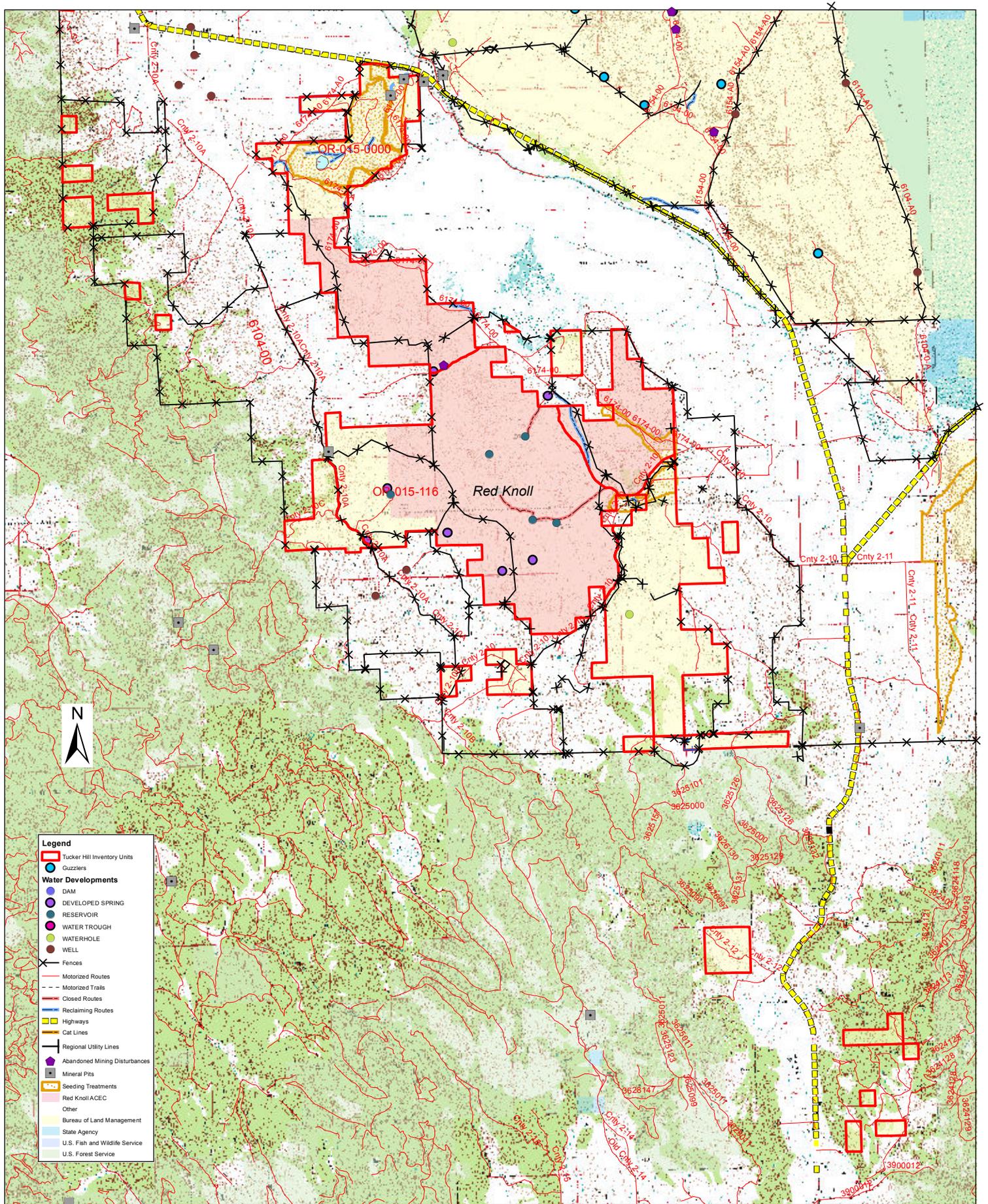


**Legend**

- Cities
- Tucker Hill Area
- Major Utility Corridors
- Major Roads
- Resource Area Boundary



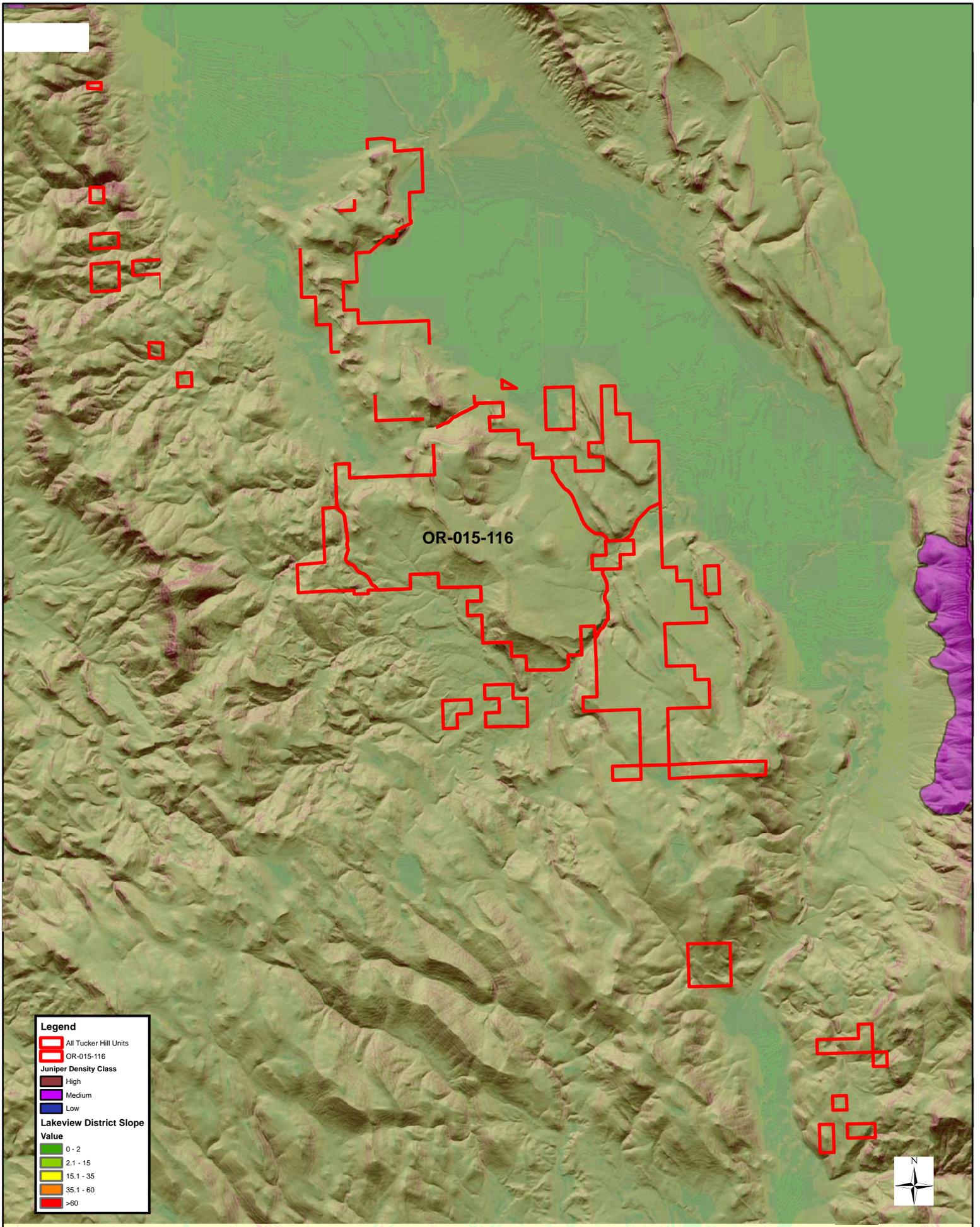
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**Map 2 - Wilderness Character in the Tucker Hill Area**



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**Map 3 - Screening in the Tucker Hill Area**

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