

**Black Hills WSA Proposal
Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation**

Interdisciplinary Team Signature Sheet

The following interdisciplinary (ID) team reviewed the Black Hills citizen's wilderness proposal in 2008. The review included field inventory and an analysis of the routes within the proposed area, as well as an evaluation of the wilderness characteristics for each of the evaluation units identified within the proposed area. This signature sheet documents the BLM ID Team members that participated in this wilderness evaluation process along with the member's agreement with the conclusions reached in the road analysis forms and wilderness characteristic review forms for the Black Hills proposal. These forms are contained in this wilderness inventory file.

Proposed WSA: Black Hills

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Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-41 Squaw Lake and 1-42 Sheep Corral Combined

FORM 1

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

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No Yes (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units): 1-41 Squaw Lake and 1-42 Sheep Corral

a) Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory files for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area Files #OR-010-04-20 (Squaw Lake) and #OR-010-01-12 (Sheep Rock)

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Squaw Lake 1-41 and Sheep Corral 1-42

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, published in Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon and Washington (April 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 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 (1-41)	25,600	Y	Y	N	Y
BLM (1-42)	10,080	Y	Y	N	Y
Private	2,400				

Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory files for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area Files #OR-010-04-20 (Squaw Lake) and #OR-010-01-12 (Sheep Rock). According to the 1977 field inventories for these units, both units met the definition of wilderness as defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act. In 1977, they were eliminated from further review. The explanation for this decision was “no public comment received.”

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-41 Squaw Lake and 1-42 Sheep Corral**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 57,827-acre Black Hills proposed Wilderness Study Area (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 these materials were considered during the BLM's wilderness inventory process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the area as having no interior routes which met the BLM wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Map, p. 18 of ONDA 2005).

Boundary Determination and Consideration of Citizen Information: In 2008, BLM staff reviewed ONDA's information. The ONDA report states that "none of the units making up the proposed Black Hills WSA were ever inventoried" (p. 15, ONDA 2005). Wilderness inventories were completed on these units in 1977 prior to the construction of the PacifiCorp transmission line. (Copies of the original inventories are included in the wilderness inventory file and the results of this inventory are summarized in this evaluation).

In the summer of 2008, members of the BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the Black Hills area to update the wilderness inventory for this area and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's wilderness proposal. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes and a re-evaluation of wilderness characteristics for this unit. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed road analyses on the main routes within the proposed area.

The results of the road analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file. The BLM ID team determined that several of the routes ONDA identified as "ways" are boundary roads that are still in use. For this reason, the BLM found the Black Hills proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is comprised of several smaller units (Map 1).

Since 1977, the boundaries for these units have changed. The northern segment of route 7114-A no longer serves as a boundary road dividing the two units. This segment of the route, from County Road 5-14F south to the junction with BLM Road 7124-00, was probably created through vehicle use and no longer shows clear evidence of construction.

In addition, the PacifiCorp power line was constructed in the early 1980's, bisecting the 2 units.

In 2005, a gravel road was constructed (under BLM-issued right-of-way) south from County Road 5-14F to access the Pettus private property in-holding located in the center of former unit 1-41. There is also an unnumbered route in the northeast corner of the unit which accesses an interpretive site in the middle of the Black Hills formation which was determined to be a road. Both of these roads form cherry-stem boundary roads.

Currently, the unit is bounded by BLM Road 7135-00 on the west, the power line right-of-way boundary (87.5 feet on each side of centerline) and BLM Roads 7124-00, 7114-1A, and 7114-00 on the south, BLM Road 7114-00 and private land on the east, and a combination of BLM Road 7114-00, two unnumbered roads, the Pettus Access Road, and private land boundaries on the north (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Unit 1-41/42 combined currently contains approximately 28,370 acres of BLM-administered lands surrounding approximately 320 acres of private land (which has been cherry-stemmed outside of the unit boundary) forming a single horseshoe-shaped unit (Map 2). Following the 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 Maintenance Process for the Lakeview Resource Area*, BLM contained in the wilderness inventory file.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

This unit contains the Black Hills formation in the northeast corner. Much of the unit is flat to gently rolling terrain; the low hills drop off to the north towards the community of Christmas Valley. There are two ephemeral lakes in the unit, Sheep Lake and Squaw Lake, both of which typically dry up by summer's end. The vegetative cover is primarily desert sagebrush and grassland with bands of western juniper along the rims and draws.

Human imprints include the impacts from the private land developments located in the west central portion of the unit, allotment fencing, primitive motorized routes, water pipelines, wildlife guzzlers, and the PacifiCorp 500 KV A/C transmission line right-of-way (south boundary of this unit).

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No N/A

1977 Unit Description: The human imprints recorded during the original inventory included the visual impact from the private land developments and the activity associated

with accessing those lands; off road vehicle trails; livestock water holes and the ways leading to them; two wildlife “guzzlers;” mining claims on the north end of the area; and a small range seeding in the northwest corner of the unit. These disturbances were considered minor and the evaluation team concluded the area was natural.

Current Condition Description: The area topography has not changed since 1977. The most notable change in the landscape is the PacifiCorp transmission line right-of-way that forms the south boundary of the unit. The power line itself is a visual intrusion on the south side of the unit. The community of Christmas Valley can be seen from the north side of the unit. There are approximately 21 miles of primitive, motorized routes and trails in the unit that are used by the local community for motorized access and recreation.

There is one new road from County Road 5-14F. The road extends approximately three miles into the west central portion of the unit and ends at private land. This cherry-stemmed road and private inholding are outside of the wilderness unit but they have a visual impact. The developments on the private land and the road are easily seen in the western half of the unit because of the minimal vegetative screening and the slope of the land.

The vegetative cover of the unit has not changed significantly since 1977. This shrub-steppe biotic community includes sagebrush, gooseberry, low growing perennials, and stands of juniper in the draws and on the ridgeline. The crested wheatgrass seeding in the northwest corner portion of the unit is still evident but would not be noticeable to the casual observer. Approximately 3,200 acres in the northwest portion of the unit burned in 1984 and was allowed to recover naturally. The seeding and the burned area do not detract from the naturalness of the area.

There are 12 waterholes, 12 reservoirs, 3 water troughs, and 2 wildlife guzzlers located in the unit along with 28.1 miles of fence and 1.2 miles of pipelines associated with on-going livestock and wildlife management activities.

In the 2003 *Lakeview Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision*, the BLM designated the 3,049 acre Black Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA), most of which is located in the northeast corner of the unit (Map 2). The relevant and important values leading to this designation were botanical and add to the naturalness of the area.

The Black Hills interpretive site is located within the ACEC/RNA inside the unit and is a popular destination for the local community. The area includes the access road, a parking area, fencing, and an interpretive sign.

One can gain a general overview of the naturalness of this unit by examining both ONDA and BLM field photographs contained in the wilderness inventory file. After considering the human imprints described above, the BLM ID team concluded that most of this unit would appear to be natural to the casual observer. The range and wildlife developments

blend well with the surrounding area; the seeding and the acreage disturbed by fire are recovering and appear natural; and the interpretive site developments are visible within close range but become less apparent from further distances and are not visible beyond the draw where they are constructed. The private inholding developments and associated access road along with the PacifiCorp transmission line have the most impact on the naturalness of the area; however, they are not visible from the entire unit and overall, the unit is natural.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1977 Unit Description: The intrusions identified as impacting solitude included activity on the access roads to the private inholdings; off-road vehicle activity on the ways and trails in the unit; and mining claim activities. However, the evaluation team considered these as minor intrusions to solitude and identified this unit as having outstanding opportunities for solitude because of its “feeling for spaciousness, with topography, size, or shape of the area providing seemingly complete isolation.”

Current Condition Description: Since the 1977 inventory, a residence and access road were built on the private inholding in the western portion of the unit (Map 2). The private land was not evaluated for wilderness character but the visual impacts were considered. The access road and residence are visible throughout the western portion of the unit and do not allow for an outstanding opportunity for solitude in this area.

The PacifiCorp power line was completed since the original inventory and the power line towers and transmission lines are visible throughout the majority of the southern half of the unit. In addition to the towers, roads were built during construction and these roads are visible and used by power company employees on a regular basis for access and maintenance. There is also an audible impact from these lines and this impact increases as one is closer to the towers.

The majority of this unit has limited topographic or vegetative screening to provide opportunities for solitude. In the eastern half of the unit, there are some draws where solitude is possible; however, this solitude would be impacted on the northern end of the unit by the public use in and around the interpretive area.

The ID team agreed that this unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude because of the impacts from the transmission line and associated maintenance activities; the private lands and associated motorized access; the interpretive site and motorized visitor access; and the limited topographic and vegetative screening.

Photo References:

Overall the unit has limited topographic or tall vegetative screening (see photos BH095NNW_KS_051408, BH103SW_KS_051408, BH170NE_KS_051408, BH217NE_KS_051408, BH227NW_KS_051408, BH241SE_KS_051408,

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In the southwestern corner and eastern half of the unit, there are some small draws, rims, or pockets of juniper trees where one could find some screening that provides solitude (see photos BH070S_KS_051408, BH071S_KS_051408, BH076SSE_KS_051408, BH099W_051408, BH234SE_KS_051408, BH235E_KS_051408, BH247NW_KS_051408, BH248ENE_KS_051408, BH259N_KS_051408, BH259NE_KS_051408, BH077S_KS_051408, BH099N_KS_051408, BH106N_KS_051408, BH106W_KS_051408, BH107W_KS_051408, BR014, BR017, BR020, BP001, BP007, BP009 to BP012, and BP014); however, solitude is impacted in the northeast end of the unit by the relatively high public use in and around the interpretive area (see photos BH235SSW_KS_051408 and BP008).

Solitude in the southern end of the eastern half of the unit is disrupted by the presence of the power line and the access roads that were constructed to build and maintain it (see photos BH189NE_KS_051408, BH191W_KS_0514_08, BH219E_KS_051408, BH221W_KS_051408, BH222NE_KS_051408, BH223NE_KS_051408, BH225WSW_KS_051408, BH226W_KS_051408, BH227W_KS_051408, BH263SSE_KS_051408, and BH264SE_KS_051408).

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

Yes _____ No N/A _____

1977 Unit Description: The recreational opportunities identified included low quality deer and antelope hunting, hiking, horseback riding and dry camping. These activities were not considered to be outstanding and were identified as limited because of the lack of potable water throughout the unit. The evaluation team also identified the area as being similar to surrounding BLM lands; there was nothing unique about these units to create an outstanding primitive recreation experience. The area was dropped from further study as wilderness because it did not provide for outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Current Condition Description: The 2008 BLM ID Team identified horseback riding, limited hunting, hiking, camping, star gazing, and the Black Hills interpretive area as recreational opportunities in these units. Although the Black Hills interpretive area provides the public with opportunities for hiking and viewing interesting botanical

specimens and geological formations, this area is not primitive because of the developments within it and the road leading to the site.

There are a number of existing internal primitive motorized routes, trails, and cherry-stemmed roads (Map 2) that provide easy motorized access to large portions of the interior of the unit. This further limits the ability to have a primitive recreational experience because of the motorized activity in the unit. The noise level associated with motorized activity also diminishes the quality of the recreational experience for those visitors looking for a primitive backcountry experience.

The unit does not provide unique recreational opportunities because this landscape is similar to the BLM lands surrounding the area; there is nothing in the landscape that sets the area apart from other lands nor does the area provide outstanding recreational opportunities. The overall scenic quality of the southern portion of the area does not create an outstanding primitive recreation experience because of the PacifiCorp transmission towers, transmission lines, and associated access roads. The BLM team concluded this area does not contain opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-41 Squaw Lake and 1-42 Sheep Corral

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.

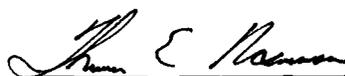
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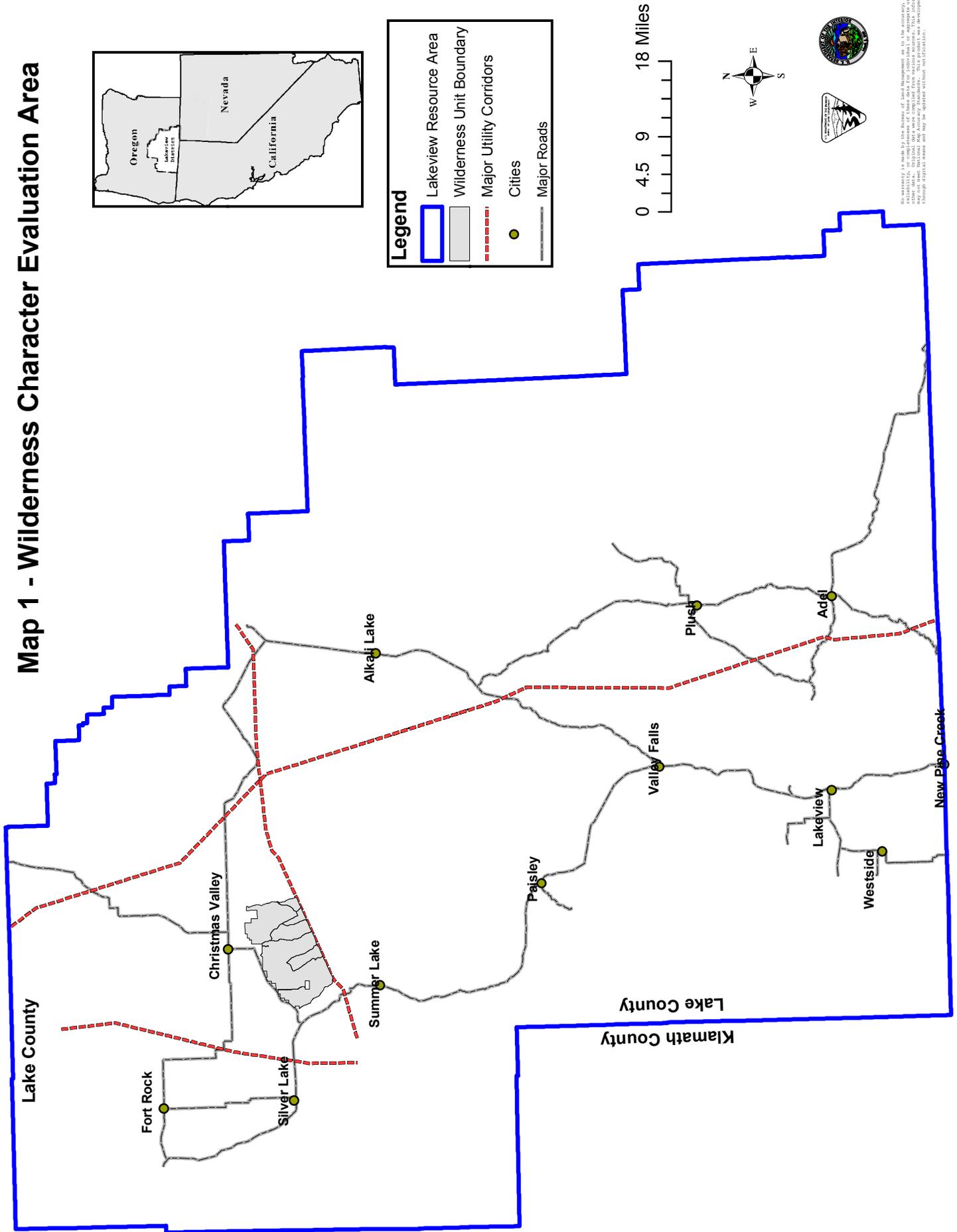
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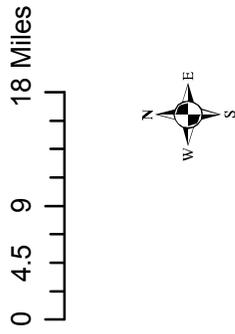
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

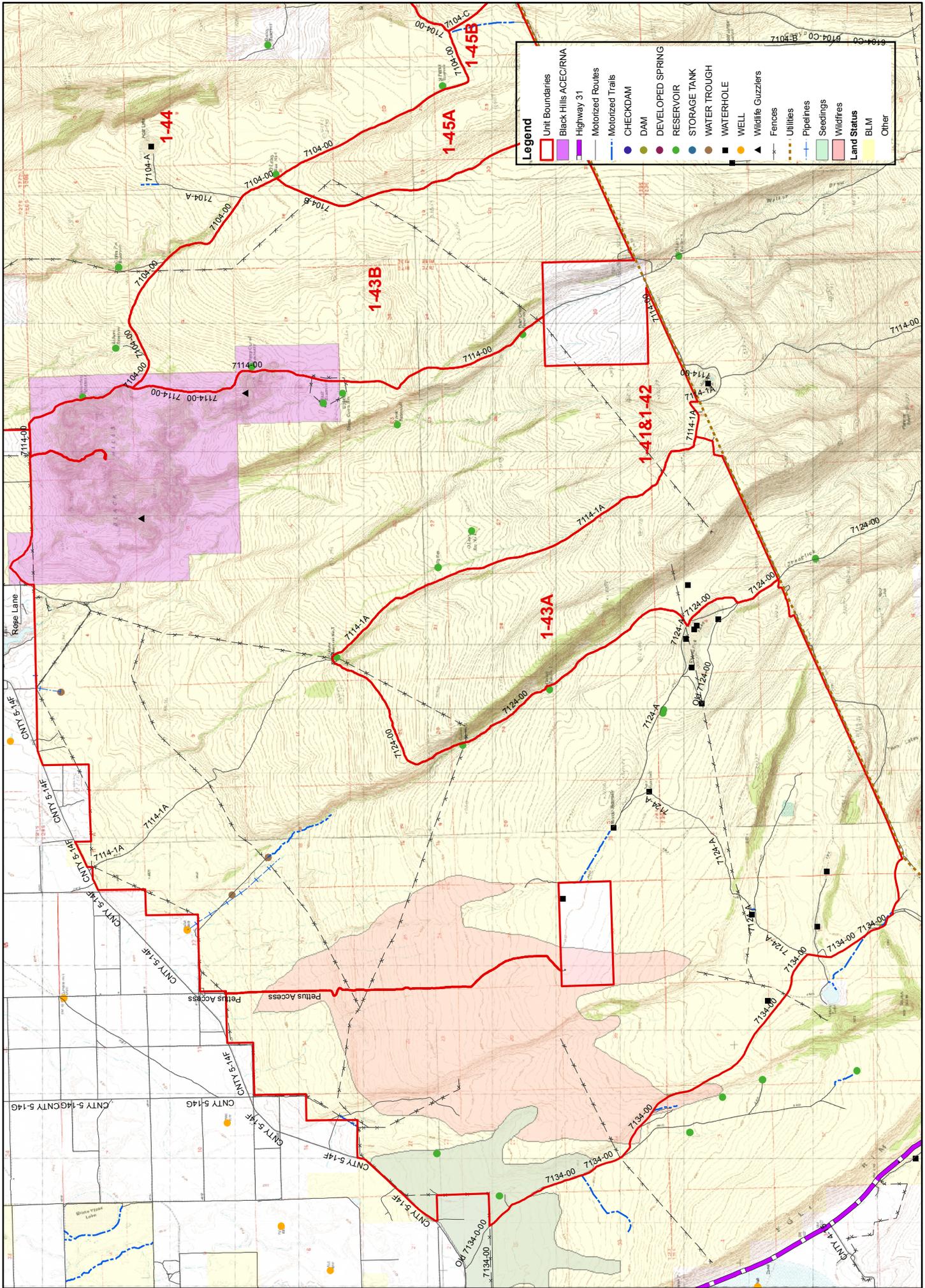


Legend

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



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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-41 & 1-42



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Year: 2009
Northwest

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-43A St. Patrick

FORM 1

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

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units): St. Patrick 1-43 and 1-45

a) Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory files for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area File #OR-010-01-19 (St. Patrick)

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): St. Patrick 1-43 and 1-45

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, published in Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon and Washington (April 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 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	19,800	Y	Y	N	Y

Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory files for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area File #OR-010-04-19 (St. Patrick)

According to the 1977 field inventories for this unit, it met the definition of wilderness as defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act. In 1977, it was eliminated from further review. The explanation for this decision was "no public comment received."

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-43A St. Patrick Northwest**

(1) **Is the unit of sufficient size?**

Yes _____ No X

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 57,827-acre Black Hills proposed Wilderness Study Area (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 these materials were considered during the BLM's wilderness inventory process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the area as having no interior routes which they felt met the BLM wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Map, p. 18 of ONDA 2005).

Boundary Determination and Consideration of Citizen Information: In 2008, BLM staff reviewed ONDA's information. The ONDA report states that "none of the units making up the proposed Black Hills WSA were ever inventoried" (p. 15, ONDA 2005) by the BLM. These units were evaluated for wilderness character in 1977 prior to the construction of the PacifiCorp transmission line. (Copies of the original inventories are included in the wilderness inventory file).

In the summer of 2008, members of the BLM staff conducted field work to complete an agency wilderness inventory and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's data. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes and a re-evaluation of wilderness characteristics for this unit. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed road analyses on all of the existing main routes within the proposed area. The road analysis forms are included in this wilderness inventory file and document the evaluation process.

The BLM ID team determined that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are boundary roads that are still in use. For this reason, the BLM found the Black Hills proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is comprised of several smaller units (Map 1).

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.

The boundaries for this unit have changed since the previous inventory was completed in 1977. In 1977, the wilderness inventory identified units 1-43 and 1-45 separately, but

they appear to have been evaluated together as a single unit called St. Patrick. At that time, the unit was found to be of sufficient size to be evaluated for the presence of wilderness character. Since that time, Pacific Power and Light (PacifiCorp) built a 500 KV A/C transmission line that crosses through the surrounding area, bisecting many of the original wilderness study units in the area. When the power line was planned and built, new roads were also constructed and existing roads were maintained to provide access to the power line corridor, including a new access road that runs beneath the power line.

The boundaries for this unit currently consist of the edge of the power line right-of-way (87.5 feet on each side of centerline) on the south, BLM Road 7124-00 on the west and the north, and BLM Road 7114-A on the east (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Following the unit boundary determination described above, the BLM found that the unit currently consists of approximately 3,424 acres of BLM-administered land. As such, unit 1-43A does not meet the size criteria for wilderness and was dropped from further evaluation.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-43A St. Patrick Northwest

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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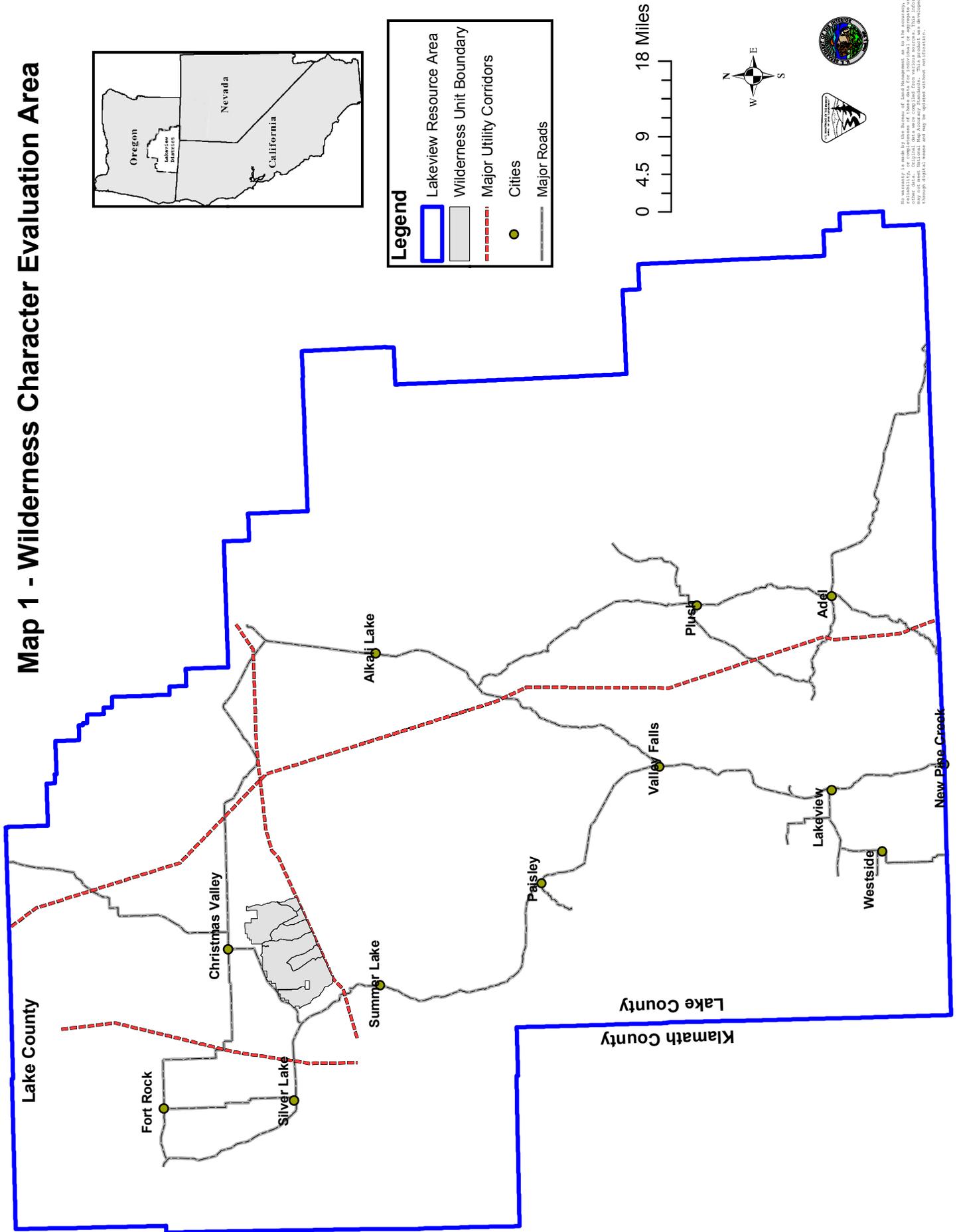
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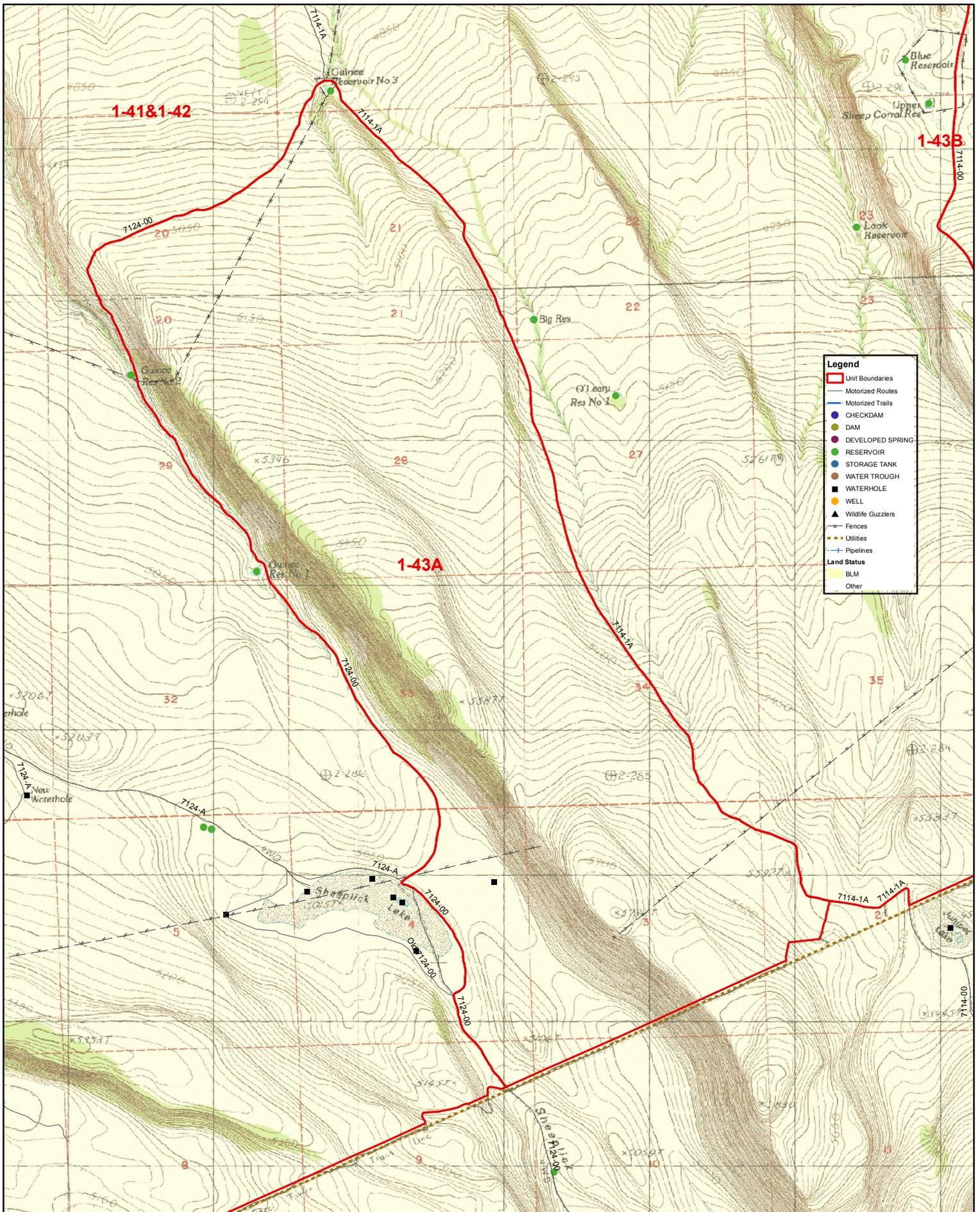
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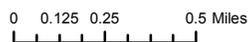
Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area



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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-43A



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Year: 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-43B St. Patrick North

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Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No X

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The BLM ID team determined that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are boundary roads that are still in use. For this reason, the BLM found the Black Hills proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is comprised of several smaller units (Map 1).

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The boundaries for this unit have changed since the previous inventory was completed in 1977. In 1977, the wilderness inventory identified units 1-43 and 1-45 separately, but

they appear to have been evaluated together as a single unit called St. Patrick. At that time, the unit was found to be of sufficient size to be evaluated for the presence of wilderness character. Since that time, Pacific Power and Light (PacifiCorp) built a 500 KV A/C transmission line that crosses through the area, bisecting many of the original wilderness study units in the area. When the power line was planned and built, new roads were also constructed and existing roads were maintained to provide access to the power line corridor, including a new access road that runs beneath the power line.

The boundaries for this unit currently consist of the edge of the power line right-of-way (87.5 feet on each side of centerline) on the south, BLM Road 7114-00 and private land on the west, BLM Road 7104-B on the east, and BLM Road 7104-00 on the north and east (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Following the unit boundary determination described above, the BLM found that the unit currently consists of approximately 4,732 acres of BLM-administered land. As such, unit 1-43B does not meet the size criteria for wilderness and was dropped from further evaluation.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No X NA X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-43B St. Patrick North

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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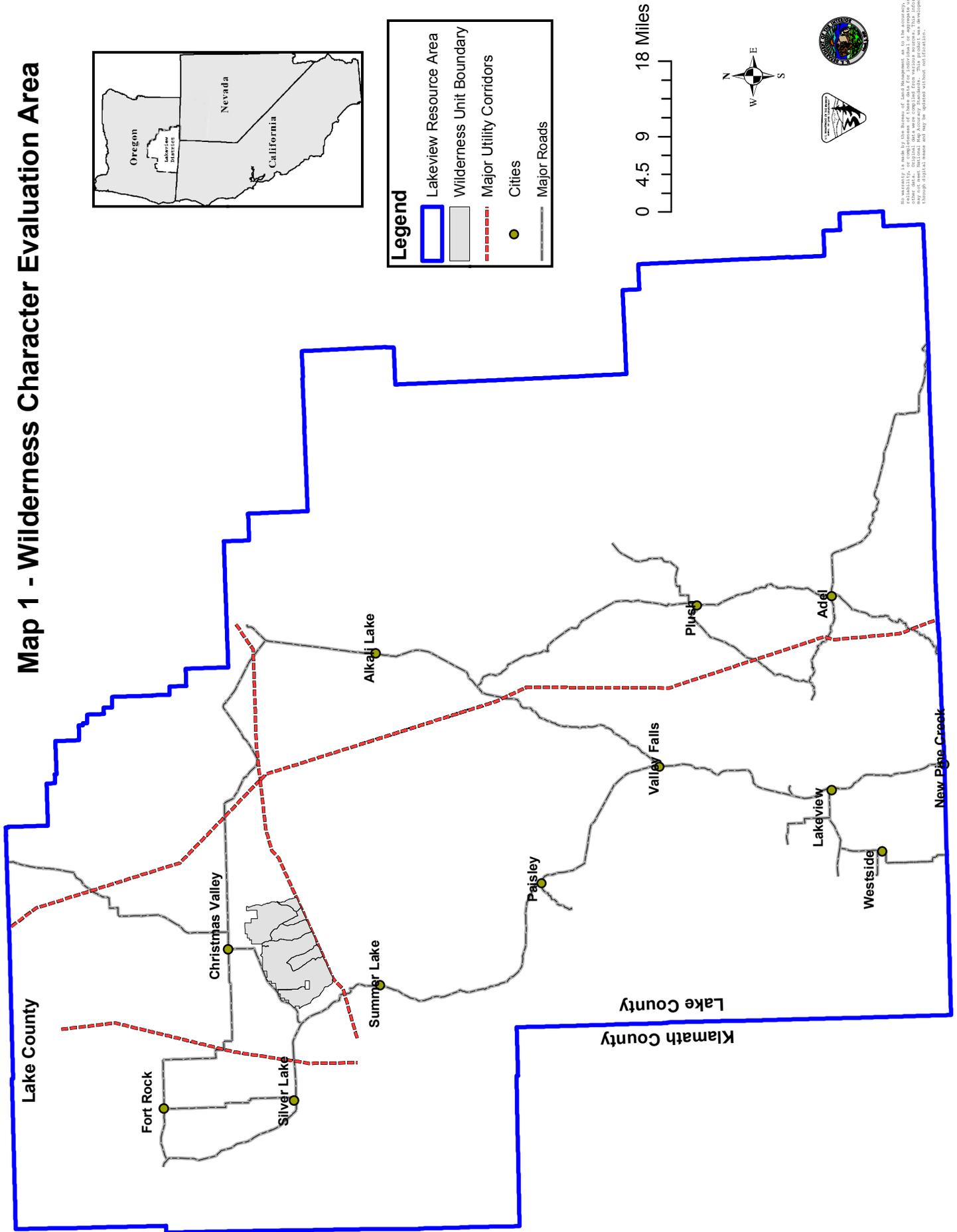
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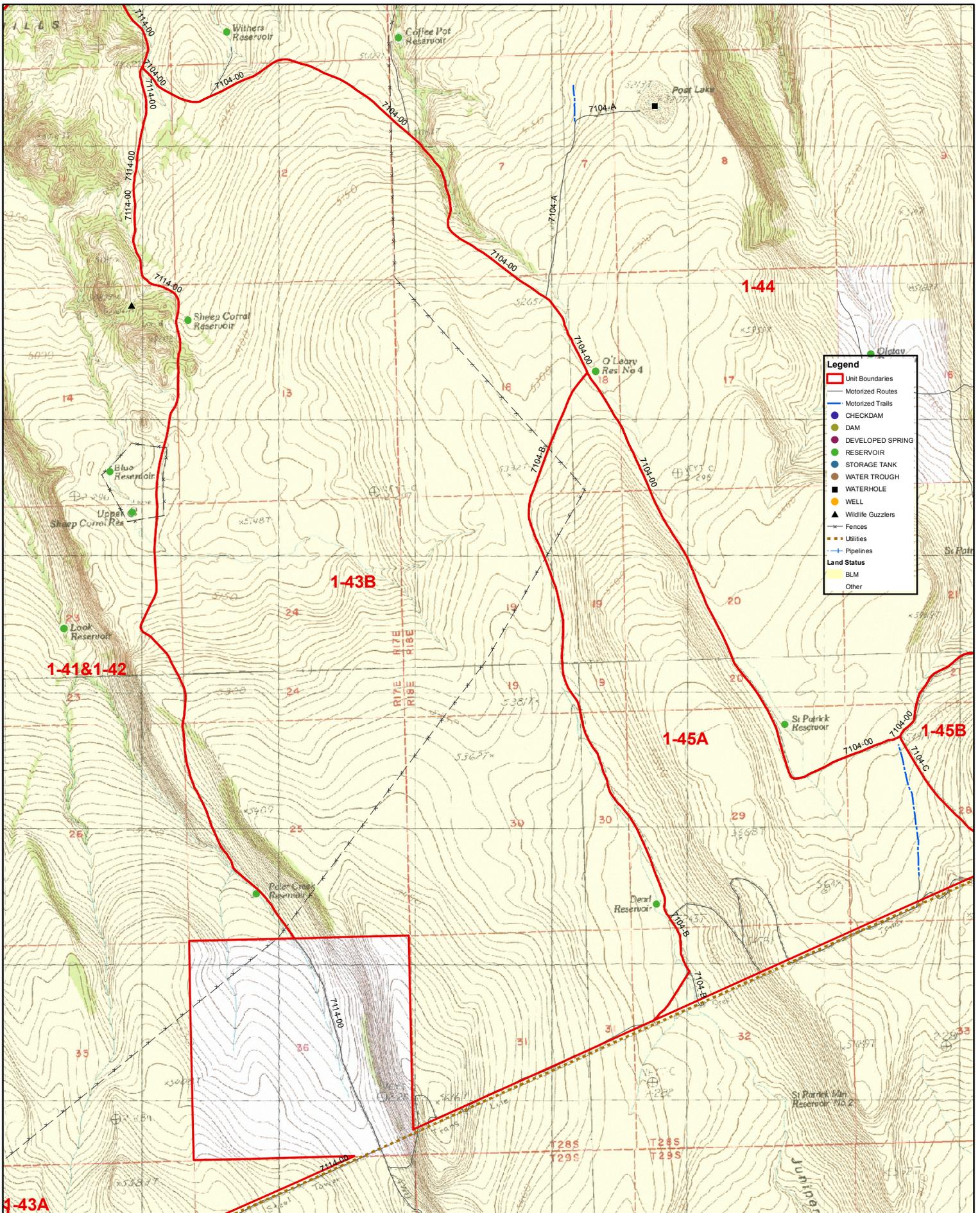
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area



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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-43B



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Year: 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-44 Post Lake

FORM 1

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

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No Yes

a) Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory file for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area File #OR-010-04-16 (Post Lake)

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Post Lake 1-44

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, published in Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon and Washington (April 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 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	9,600	Y	N	N	N
Private	600				

Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory file for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area File #OR-010-04-16 (Post Lake)

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1- 44 Post Lake**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 57,827-acre Black Hills proposed Wilderness Study Area (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 these materials were considered during the BLM's wilderness inventory process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the area as having no interior routes which they felt met the BLM wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Map, p. 18 of ONDA 2005).

Boundary Determination and Consideration of Citizen Information: In 2008, BLM staff reviewed ONDA's information. The report states that "none of the units making up ONDA's proposed Black Hills WSA were ever inventoried" (p. 15, ONDA 2005). These units were inventoried in 1977 prior to the construction of the PacifiCorp transmission line. (A copy of the inventory for this unit is included in the wilderness inventory file. The results of the 1977 inventory are summarized later in this evaluation).

In the summer of 2008, members of the BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the Black Hills area to update the wilderness inventory for this area and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's wilderness proposal. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes and a re-evaluation of wilderness characteristics for this unit. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed road analyses on the main routes within the proposed area.

The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file. The BLM ID team determined that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are boundary roads that are still in use. For this reason, the BLM found the Black Hills proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is comprised of several smaller units (Map 1).

The boundaries for the Post Lake unit have not changed much since the previous inventory was completed in 1977. This unit is bounded by private lands on the north and northwest, BLM Road 6104-00 on the east, BLM Road 7104-00 on the south, and BLM Roads 7104-00 and 7114-00 on the southwest and west (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness

inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Unit 1-44 currently contains approximately 11,005 acres of BLM-administered lands and 600 acres of private in-holdings (Map 2). Following this boundary determination, the BLM ID team subsequently evaluated the wilderness characteristics within this unit. The results are contained in the following section. 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:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No N/A

1977 Unit Description: The unit was described as having gently rolling foothills broken by shallow draws and low ridges running in a north/south direction. The minor drainages in the unit were shallowly incised into the land and there was no exposed rim rock on the ridge that goes through the center of the unit. There were no year round water sources recorded in the unit; the lakes and streams go dry. Vegetative cover included desert shrub with scattered western juniper stands along the low rims and drainages.

The human imprints recorded included livestock water reservoirs and water holes with “ways” leading to them. Along the north boundary of the unit, bladed roads and subdivision lands were noted as being visible from most of the area.

Current Condition Description: The features of the landscape have not significantly changed since the 1977 inventory; the topography remains unchanged. The vegetative cover consists of desert sagebrush steppe grassland with western juniper scattered along the low rims and drainages. There are no year round or natural perennial water sources in this unit.

In the 2003 *Lakeview Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision*, the BLM designated the 3,049 acre Black Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA), a small portion of which is located in the northwest corner of the unit (Map 2). The relevant and important values leading to this designation were botanical and add to the naturalness of the area.

The PacifiCorp power line was completed since the original inventory and the power line towers and transmission lines are visible throughout the majority of the southern half of the unit. In addition to the towers, roads were built during construction and these roads are visible and used by power company employees on a regular basis for access and maintenance. Other visual impacts include the community of Christmas Valley, which can be seen from most of the north side of the unit.

Human imprints also include the recent developments on the private inholding on the south side of the unit. The structures and developments on this private land visually detract from the naturalness of the area and the access road to this property is used on a regular basis. There are approximately 8.2 miles of primitive, motorized routes and trails, 8 livestock reservoirs and water holes, approximately 7.0 miles of fence, and a 5.5 acre active gravel pit on BLM lands within the unit (Map2).

One can gain a general overview of the naturalness of this unit by examining both ONDA and BLM field photographs contained in the wilderness inventory file. After considering the human imprints described above, the BLM ID team concluded that most of this unit would appear to be natural to the casual observer. The range and wildlife developments blend well with the surrounding area. The private inholding developments and associated access road along with the PacifiCorp transmission line have the most impact on the naturalness of the area; however, they are not visible from the entire unit and overall, the unit is natural.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1977 Unit Description: The unit was described as lacking in outstanding opportunities for solitude because the shape, size of the area, and the topography did not provide opportunities for experiencing complete isolation.

Current Condition Description: On the southern end of the unit, there is a residence on the private inholding; though outside the unit boundary, the transmission line dominates the visual landscape on the south (see photos BH111SE_KS_051408, BH113SE_KS_051408, BH114SE_KS_051408, and BN035). The power company uses the boundary roads to access the transmission line for administrative and maintenance purposes. On the north side, there is one private inholding which currently appears undeveloped.

The visual impacts of the human disturbances described under section 2 above also diminish the opportunities for solitude, as they can be seen from most everywhere on this gently rolling low slope. The impacts include Christmas Valley Highway (County Road 5-14F); the private developments along this roadway; and the subdivision that borders this unit on the north.

Overall, there is little topographic relief or tall vegetative cover to provide screening from other visitors within the unit (see photos BH074E_KS_051408, BH075E_KS_051408, BH075N_KS_051408, BH080E_KS_051408, BH081_KS_051408, BH082aNE_KS_051408, BH082bNE_KS_051408, BH083NW_KS_051408, BH084NW_KS_051408, BH087NNW_KS_051408, BH088N_KS_051408, BH089N_051408, BH089NE_051408, BH089NWa_051408, BH089NWb_051408, BH109NNE_KS_051408, BH111ESE_KS_051408, BH112NE_KS_051408,

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For these reasons, the BLM ID team concluded that outstanding opportunities for solitude are not available in this unit.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1977 Unit Description: The 1977 inventory team described the unit as having “low quality” deer hunting opportunities; hiking and horseback riding opportunities were described as less than outstanding; and the lack of a potable water source severely limited backpacking and dry camping.

Current Condition Description: In 2005, ONDA felt the larger Black Hills proposal area provided outstanding opportunities for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and botanical study. After reviewing ONDA’s information and the current recreation opportunities within this unit, the BLM ID team concluded that primitive recreation opportunities within the unit have not changed much since the 1977 inventory.

The number of existing internal primitive motorized routes and trails (Map 2) provide motorized access to portions of the interior of the unit which further limits the ability to have a primitive or unconfined recreational experience. The ID team found that the relatively small size and geographical footprint of the unit, the private inholdings and use associated with them, the transmission line and the use associated with its administration and maintenance, and the visual impact from the community of Christmas Valley limited the primitive recreation opportunities within the unit. The unit was also found to lack a unique type or diversity of recreational opportunities compared to surrounding BLM lands.

For these reasons, the BLM ID team concluded the primitive recreation opportunities within the unit have not improved since the previous inventory. The unit still does not provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ___ NA X

Description: Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-44 Post Lake

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.

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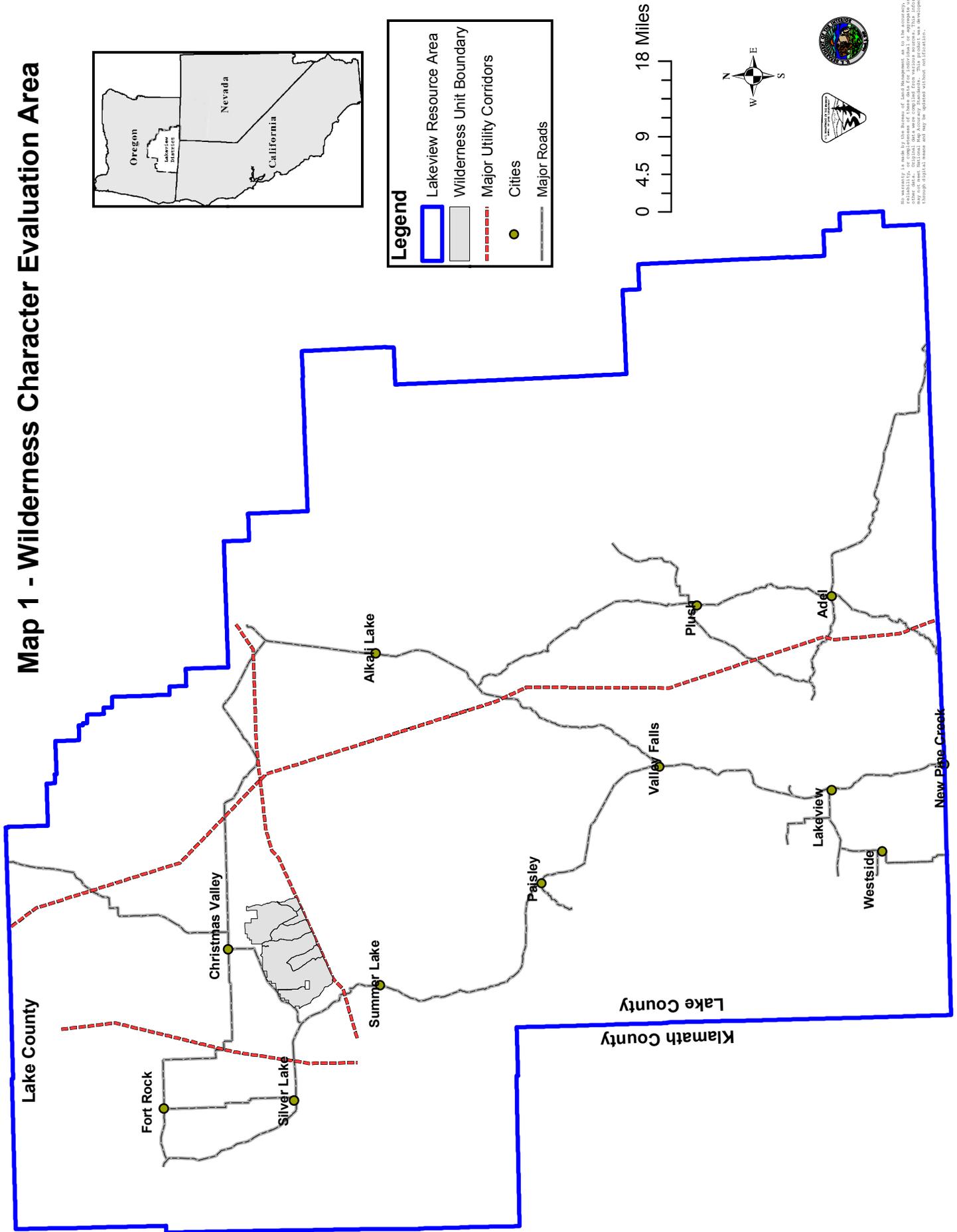
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

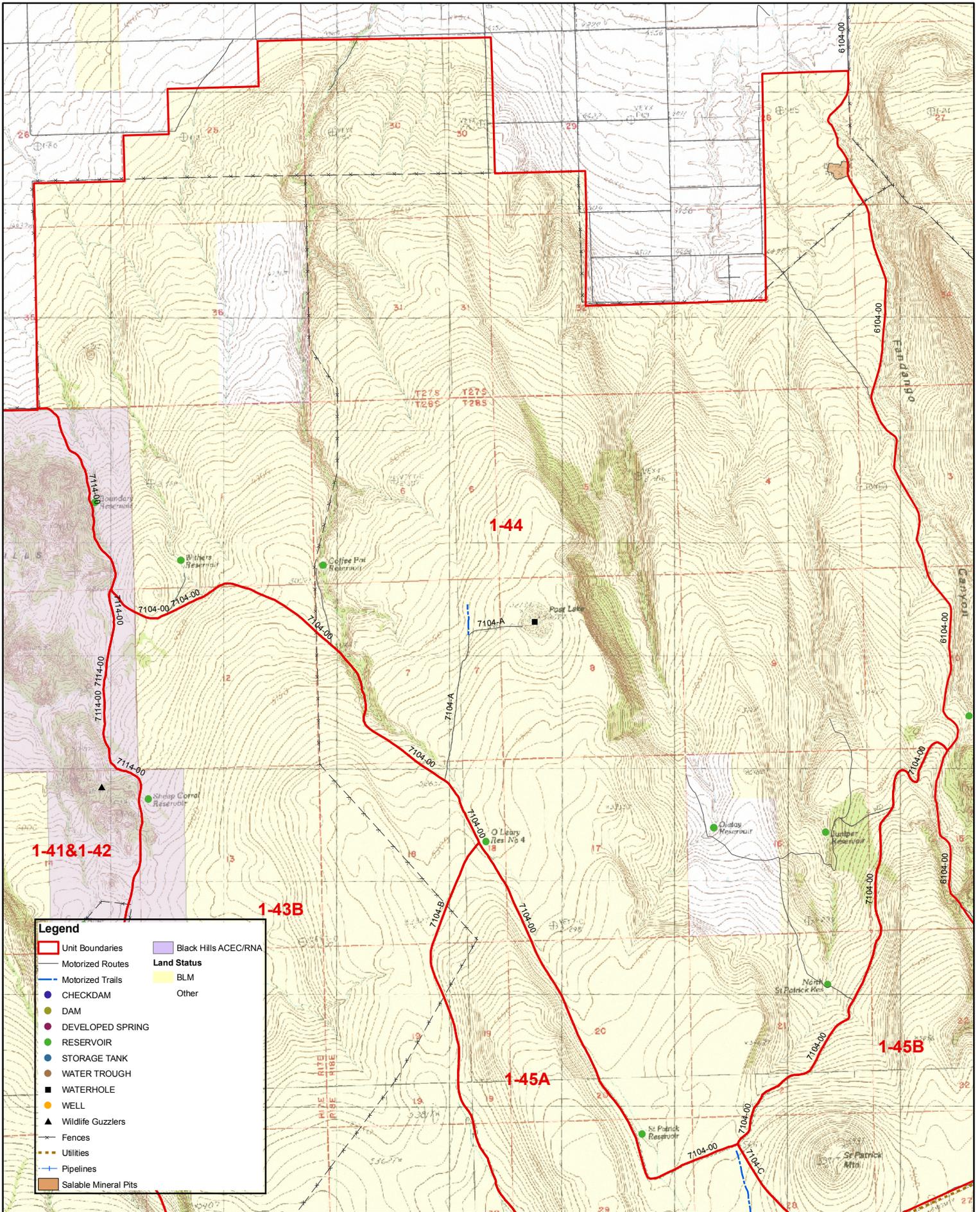


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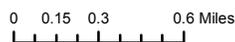
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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-44



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Year: 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-45A St. Patrick Western
Northeast

FORM 1

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FINDINGS ON RECORD**

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No Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): St. Patrick 1-43 and 1-45

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b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): St. Patrick 1-43 and 1-45

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d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Lakeview Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

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Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
BLM	19,800	Y	Y	N	Y

Inventory Source: BLM Wilderness Inventory file for Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) Transmission Line: PP&L Roadless Area File #OR-010-04-19 (St. Patrick)

According to the 1977 field inventories for this unit, it met the definition of wilderness as defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act. In 1977, it was eliminated from further review. The explanation for this decision was “no public comment received.”

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-45A St. Patrick Western Northeast**

(1) **Is the unit of sufficient size?**

Yes _____ No X

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 57,827-acre Black Hills proposed Wilderness Study Area (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 these materials were considered during the BLM's wilderness inventory process for this BLM Unit, as documented herein,. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the area as having no interior routes which met the BLM wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Map, p. 18 of ONDA 2005).

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Following the unit boundary determination described above, the BLM found that the unit currently consists of approximately 1,464 acres of BLM-administered land. As such, unit 1-45A does not meet the size criteria for wilderness and was dropped from further evaluation.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-45A St. Patrick Western Northeast

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.
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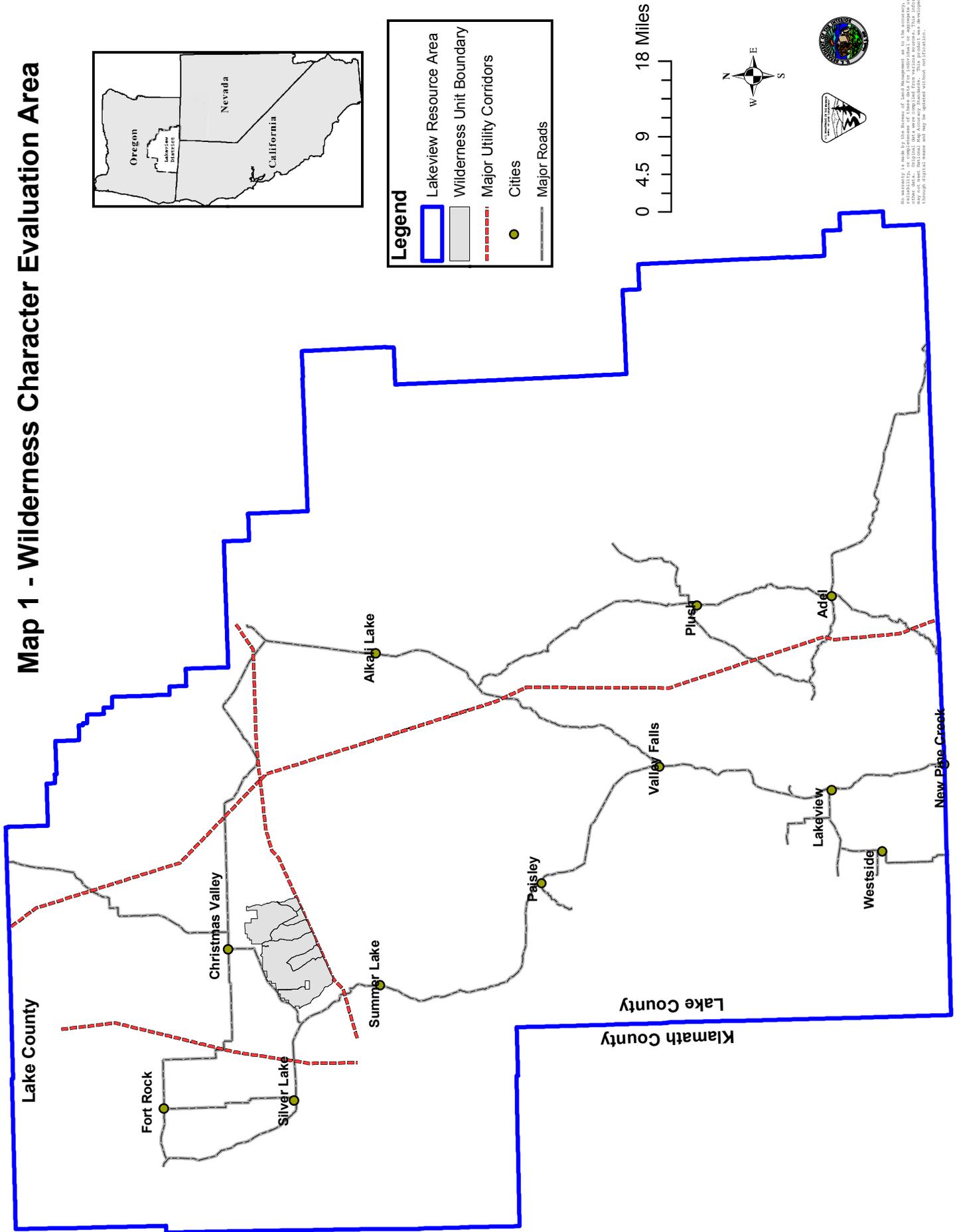
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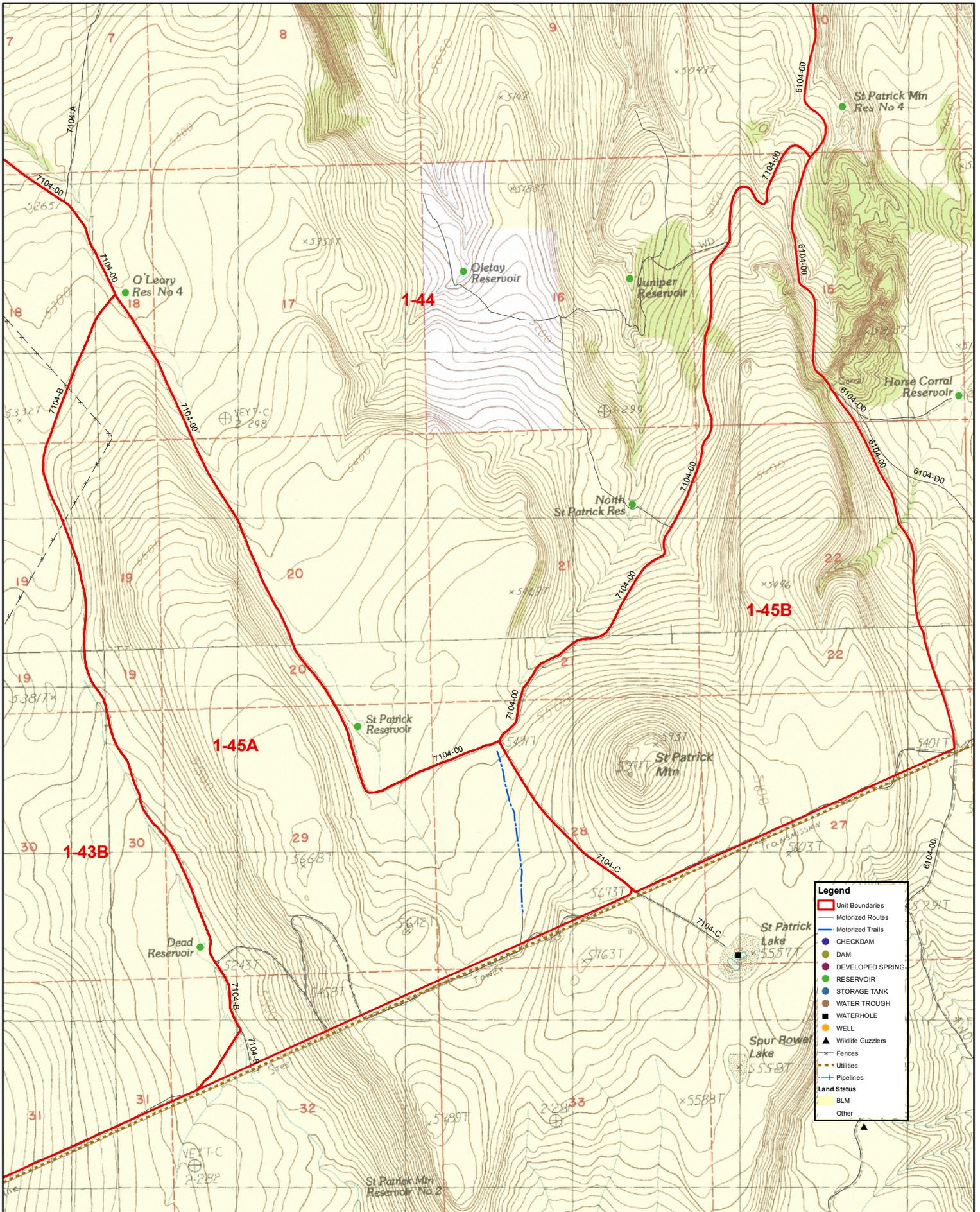


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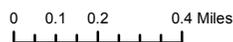
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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-45A & 1-45B



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Year: 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 1-45B St. Patrick Eastern
Northeast

FORM 1

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

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No Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.): St. Patrick 1-43 and 1-45

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Ownership	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
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According to the 1977 field inventories for this unit, it met the definition of wilderness as defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act. In 1977, it was eliminated from further review. The explanation for this decision was “no public comment received.”

FORM 2

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **1-45B St. Patrick Eastern Northeast**

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No X

Citizen Information Received: In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 57,827-acre Black Hills proposed Wilderness Study Area (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 these materials were considered during the BLM's wilderness inventory process for this BLM Unit, as documented herein,. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the area as having no interior routes which met the BLM wilderness inventory definition of a road (see Map, p. 18 of ONDA 2005).

BLM's Consideration of Citizen Information: In 2008, BLM staff reviewed ONDA's information. The report states that "none of the units making up ONDA's proposed Black Hills WSA were ever inventoried" (p. 15, ONDA 2005) by the BLM. These units were inventoried in 1977 prior to the construction of the PacifiCorp transmission line. (Copies of these inventories are included in the Black Hills wilderness inventory file).

In the summer of 2008, members of the BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the Black Hills area to update the wilderness inventory for this area and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's wilderness proposal. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes and a re-evaluation of wilderness characteristics for this unit. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed road analyses on the main routes within the proposed area.

The BLM ID team determined that several of the routes that ONDA identified as "ways" are boundary roads that are still in use. For this reason, the BLM found the Black Hills proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is comprised of several smaller units (Map 1).

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.

The boundaries for this unit have changed since the previous inventory was completed in 1977. In 1977, the wilderness inventory identified units 1-43 and 1-45 separately, but they appear to have been evaluated together as a single unit called St. Patrick. At that time, the unit was found to be of sufficient size to be evaluated for the presence of wilderness character. Since that time, Pacific Power and Light (PacifiCorp) built a 500 KV A/C transmission line that crosses through the surrounding area, bisecting many of the original wilderness study units in the area. When the power line was planned and built, new roads were also constructed and existing roads were maintained to provide access to the power line corridor, including a new access road that runs beneath the power line.

The boundaries for this unit currently consist of the edge of the power line right-of-way (87.5 feet on each side of centerline) on the south, BLM Road 7104-C0 on the west, BLM Road 7104-00 on the north and northwest, and BLM Road 6104-00 on the east (Map 2). (Refer to the road analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

Following the unit boundary determination described above, the BLM found that the unit currently consists of approximately 1,355 acres of BLM-administered land. As such, unit 1-45B does not meet the size criteria for wilderness and was dropped from further evaluation.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No X NA X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 1-45B St. Patrick Eastern Northeast

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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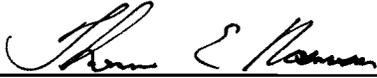
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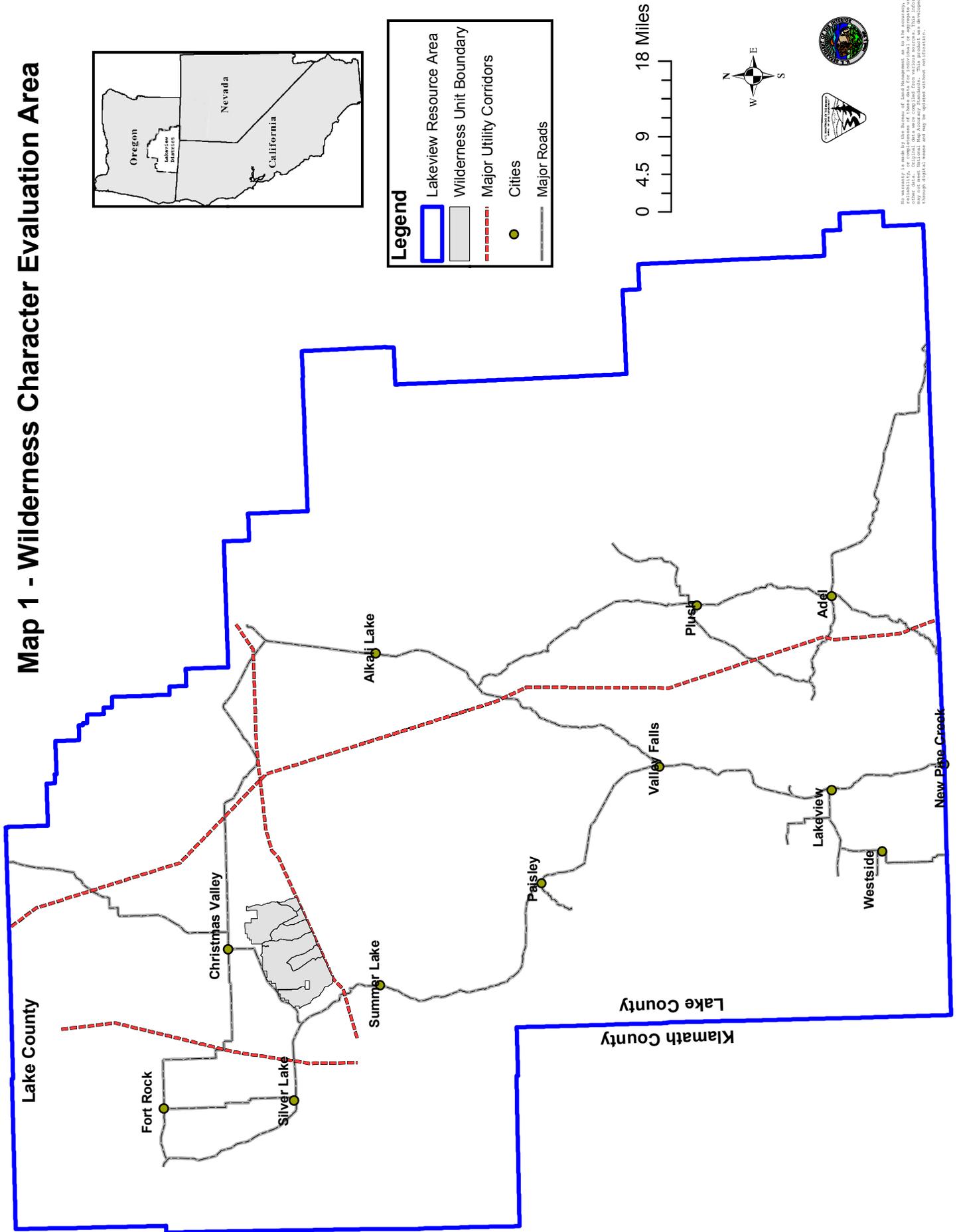
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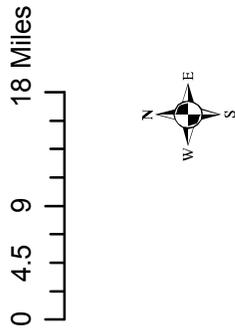
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

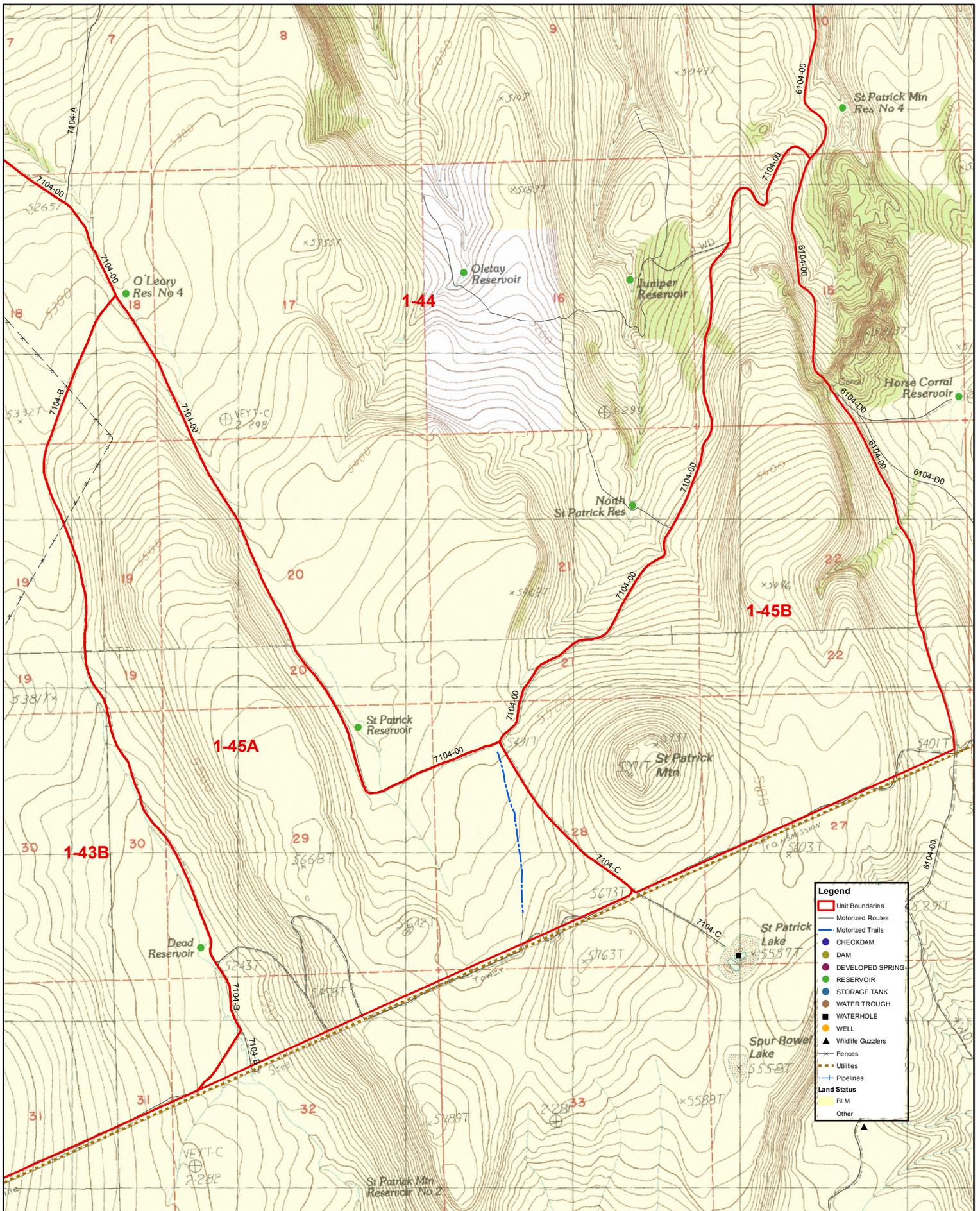


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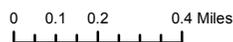
- Lakeview Resource Area
- Wilderness Unit Boundary
- Major Utility Corridors
- Cities
- Major Roads



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Map 2 - Wilderness Character Evaluation - Unit 1-45A & 1-45B



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