

**Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation  
Coleman Valley Area  
Interdisciplinary Team Signature Sheet**

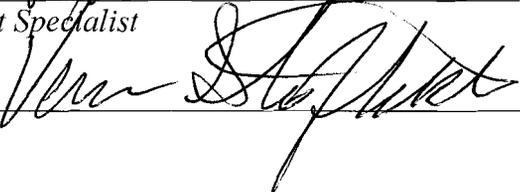
The following interdisciplinary (ID) team conducted an evaluation of wilderness character within the Coleman Valley area. The evaluation included field inventory and an analysis of the routes within the proposed area, as well as an evaluation of the wilderness characteristics within the area. This signature sheet documents the BLM ID Team members that participated in this process along with the member's agreement with the conclusions reached in the road analysis and wilderness character forms completed for the area.

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**FORM 1**

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

Year: 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-121A / Spanish Lake

**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 Proposed Initial Inventory: Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington, April 1979, page 13. and Wilderness Review: Initial Inventory, Final Decisions on Public Lands Obviously Lacking Wilderness Characteristics and Announcement of Public Lands to be Intensively Inventoried for Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington, August 1979, pages 23-24.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-121A

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): 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 and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Ownership within Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
<b>1-121A</b>					
BLM	13,180	Y	N	N	Unknown
Private	0				

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **OR-015-121A / Spanish Lake**

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

Yes   X   No       

Citizen Information Received: No ne.

Boundary Determination and Consideration of Citizen Information: No information was received from any citizens on this area; however there was a citizen proposal on the area directly to the east of this unit. Some photographs from ONDA's adjacent submission were used. BLM staff conducted their own field inventory of the area in 2008 and 2009 to gather information on the potential wilderness characteristics within the unit. This included taking numerous route photos throughout the area. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed a road analysis on all of the existing main routes within this proposal. The results of the road analysis are documented in the road analysis forms and the ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the original inventory unit 1-121 was bisected by an east-west road. This split the unit into two separate inventory units just as it did in the initial evaluation. The northern unit (OR-015-121B) is comprised of 4267 acres of public lands and does not meet the size criteria (Map 2A). The southern unit (OR-015-121A) is comprised of 10,348 acres of public lands and does meet the size criteria (Map2B).

The ID team found that the boundary for unit 121B has changed little since the previous inventory was completed in 1980. The west boundary follows county road 3-15; the north boundary follow a combination of private lands and BLM Road 6182-B0; the east boundary is BLM Road 6182-00; and the south boundary is county road 3-15 (Map 2B). The current unit boundary encompasses approximately 10,339 acres of BLM-administered lands. 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 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*, and the ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness inventory file.

## DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

The unit is located about 4 miles south of Adel, Oregon (Map 1). The unit contains a large lakebed that makes up much of the southern portion of the unit. The northern end of the unit contains a few fault block terraces of fairly low height which add some contour and broken terrain to this part of the unit. The flats between the rims and the gentle slopes leading to the lakebed are still very exposed with scattered sagebrush and greasewood communities as cover.

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

**Previous Inventory Description:** In 1980, the unit contained some reservoirs and fencelines on the east side of the unit. Since the unit was not intensively evaluated in 1980, it is unclear how many developments occurred during the initial inventory. The initial inventory notes that “Water developments and fencelines in the east constitute significant impacts on the naturalness of the east side of the unit...”. These developments meant that the unit did not appear in a generally natural condition. The works of man were substantially noticeable.

**Current Description:** The topography and vegetation has not changed substantially since 1980. Vegetation is a combination of sagebrush/grassland and open greasewood flats.

This unit falls partially within the Spanish Lake Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA) which was designated in 2003 during the Lakeview RMP process (Map 2B). This designation is intended to recognize and protect important botanical values. The ACEC/RNA contains “Diversity of salt desert scrub communities”. In particular, the area contains three vegetation community cell needs of the Oregon Natural Heritage Program (Draft RMP/EIS, Appendix I, p. A-248-249 and Proposed RMP/Final EIS, p. 2-58):

- 1) Black greasewood-shadscale / bunchgrass playa margin vegetation
- 2) Playa with greasewood and Great Basin wildrye
- 3) Shadscale-budsage / bunchgrass salt desert shrub

At the present time this unit contains about 11.4 miles of primitive, motorized routes and 8.8 miles of pasture boundary fence. There is a gravel pit located along the northwest boundary. Constructed livestock water developments include 2 developed springs (with enclosure fences and troughs) and 3 livestock waterholes (Map 2B). It is unclear if the unit contains more developments than it did in 1980. These developments are substantially noticeable within close proximity (one-quarter mile) and less noticeable from further distances. Screening has not changed substantially since 1980.

For this reason, many of the developments are less noticeable or harder to see than in 1980. Most of the existing primitive motorized routes and water developments are

located near the boundary of the unit or are substantially unnoticeable. The fencelines cross through the center of the unit.

For these reasons, the ID team found that overall, the natural condition of this unit has improved since 1980 and the unit is predominantly natural.

**(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Inventory Description:** In 1980, the unit clearly lacked any degree of opportunity for solitude. The traffic in the area and the topographic relief of the unit did not allow for the opportunity to avoid others.

**Current Description:** The unit's shape, size, and topography have not changed since 1980. One can gain an overall impression of the lack of screening within the unit by reviewing the photos contained in the wilderness inventory file (see photo logs).

The *Lakeview RMP/ROD* (Map R-7) shows that off-highway vehicle (OHV) use within about 75% of the unit is limited to existing roads and trails. The remaining 25% is open to off-road vehicle use. These designations allow motorized vehicle use on all boundary roads and existing primitive motorized routes inside the unit, as well as, some cross-country travel. Vehicle traffic typically includes livestock permittees, private land owners, BLM staff, and hunters. The presence of these motorized routes increases the likelihood of encountering other people and reduces the potential to experience solitude. Further, the noise associated with this motorized activity diminishes the potential for a visitor to experience solitude within the unit.

The existing exposed topography (mostly sloping in a southwesterly direction) and lack of tall vegetative screening still limit the opportunities for solitude (Map 3). It is possible to see across large portions of the unit from given observation points making it difficult to escape from others and find solitude.

For these reasons, the BLM ID Team found that solitude opportunities have not changed or improved substantially since 1980 and the unit still does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

**Previous Inventory Description:** In 1980, it is unclear if the unit offered any opportunities for primitive recreation.

**Current Description:** The ID team found that the unit would provide poor opportunities for hiking, backpacking, wildlife observation, but may provide some moderate opportunities for hunting. The unit does not currently offer any single outstanding primitive recreation opportunity or an outstanding diversity of primitive recreational

opportunities. Similar primitive recreation opportunities are found throughout surrounding BLM lands in southeast Oregon.

For these reasons, the BLM ID Team found that the recreation opportunities in this unit have not changed or improved substantially since 1980. The unit continues to lack outstanding primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities.

**(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ NA X

**Previous Inventory Description:** In 1980, no supplemental values were identified within the unit.

**Current Description:** Since this unit does not meet the minimum criteria for wilderness character, supplemental values did not need to be evaluated.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number:** Spanish Lake / OR-015-121A

**Results of Analysis:**

1. Does the area meet 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.

**ID Team Members** (Names and Titles)

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**FORM 1**

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

Year: 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Greaser Reservoir / OR-015-121B

**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

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<b>1-121B</b>					
BLM	<5,000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Private	0				

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **Greaser Reservoir / OR-015-121B**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

Citizen Information Received: None

Boundary Determination and Consideration of Citizen Information: No information was received from any citizens on this area; however there was a citizen proposal on the area directly to the southeast of this unit. Some photographs from ONDA's adjacent submission were used. BLM staff conducted their own field inventory of the area in 2008 and 2009 to gather information on the potential wilderness characteristics within the unit. This included taking numerous route photos throughout the area. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed a road analysis on all of the existing main routes within this proposal. The results of the road analysis are documented in the road analysis forms and the ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

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The ID team found that the unit is currently bounded on the west by private lands, on the north and east by the right-of-way for State Highway 140, and on the south by BLM Road 6182-00 and BLM Road 6182-0B (Map 2A). 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. The current unit boundary encompasses approximately 4267 acres of BLM-administered lands. There are another 455 acres of land directly adjacent to this unit that are of unknown ownership. These are wetlands that it is unclear if they are claimed as property of the state or under BLM jurisdiction. Even if these lands were added to the unit, the unit would still fail to meet the size criteria with only 4722 acres. Since the area does not encompass at least 5,000 acres in size, and does not meet any of the exceptions to the size criteria, it was not evaluated further.

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*, and the ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness inventory file.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

The unit is located about 4 miles southeast of Adel, Oregon (Map 1). The unit is long and narrow with a relatively flat profile. There is one relatively low-lying rim running in a north-south direction through the center on the unit.

**(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** Since the unit did not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the natural quality was not evaluated.

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** Since the unit did not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the opportunities for solitude were not evaluated.

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** Since the unit did not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the recreation opportunities were not evaluated.

**(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** Since the unit did not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the supplemental values were not evaluated.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number:** Greaser Reservoir / OR-015-121B

**Results of Analysis:**

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

**Conclusion (Check One):**

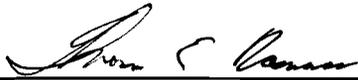
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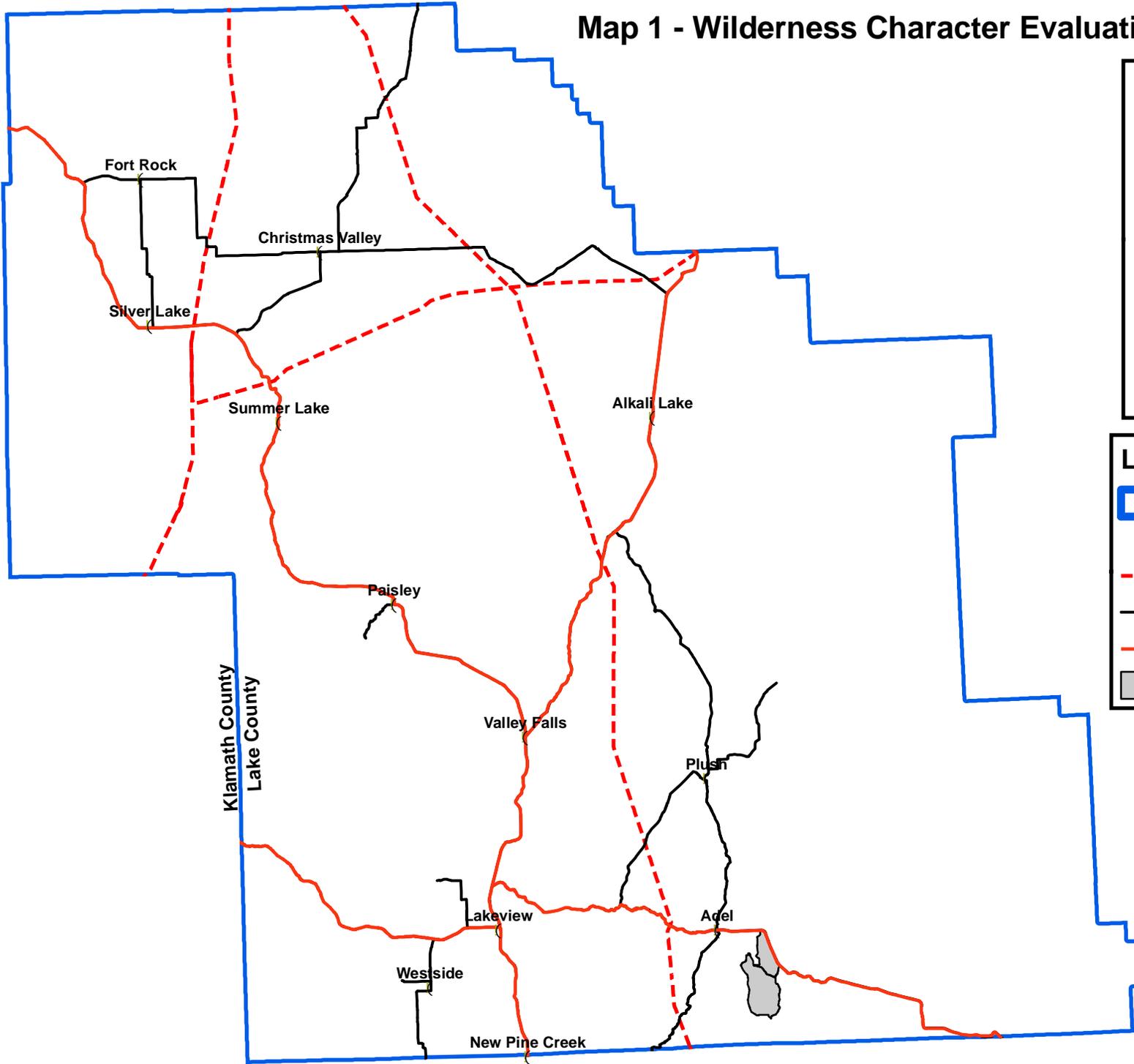
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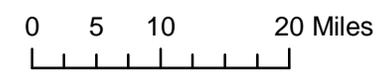
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# Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area

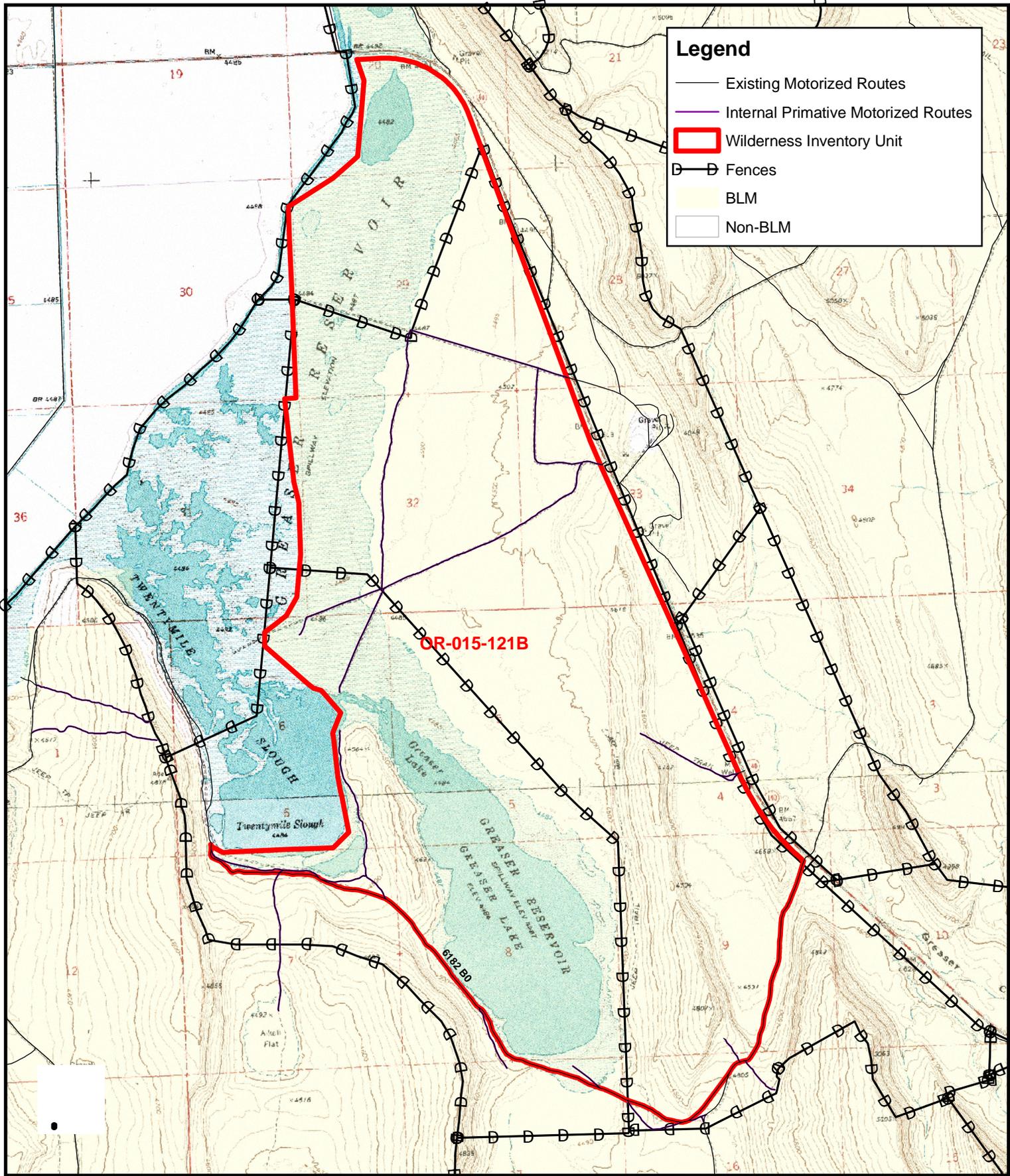


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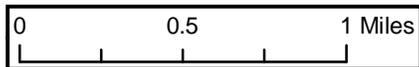
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-  Cities
-  Major Utility Corridors
-  Major Secondary Roads
-  Major Highways
-  Inventory Unit Boundary



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**Map 2A - Greaser Wilderness Inventory Unit (OR-015-121B) Unit Fails to Meet the Size Criteria**



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