

Year: 2012

Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-095/ZX Ranch

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 Inventory: Oregon and Washington; Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980

b) **Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):** OR-1-95/ZX Ranch

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

d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Lakeview District/Lakeview, OR

**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
OR-1-95	21,120 BLM 640 private	Y	N	N	None

*Summarize any known primary reasons for prior inventory findings listed in this table):* Topography within this unit was described as sage flats in the west and south, with rolling hills and draws across a majority of the unit. Vegetation was described as sagebrush and saltbush. This larger unit met the minimum size criteria in 1980. The inventory found 6 miles of ways, 8 miles pasture division fence, and 4 lakebed pits present. The impacts of man were not substantial noticeable within a majority of the unit because the developments were located on the unit's periphery.

The unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of its small size, lack of (tall) vegetative screening, and the exposure of the individual to the presence of others within the unit. The unit offered only limited hunting opportunities.

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

a. **Unit Number/Name:** OR-015-095/ZX Ranch

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

In 2005, the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for a 103,460-acre Diablo Mountain proposed WSA addition comprised of three large polygons. One of these three polygons is referred to as the Diablo Mountain Proposed WSA South Addition and comprises approximately 20,170 acres. 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 evaluation for this area. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in May of 2004 (see p. 66-71 of ONDA 2005).

Between 2008 and 2011, members of the BLM staff conducted a field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventory for this area and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's wilderness information. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed route analyses on the main routes within the area in early 2011. The results of the road analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

ONDA's 2005 inventory concluded that their larger 103,460 acre proposal was contiguous with (ie. not separated by a road from) the existing Diablo Mountain WSA. The BLM ID team determined that County Road 2-7, and BLM Roads 6124-00, 6124-B0, 6134-00, 6134-A0, and interim numbered roads 6124-K, 6134-B, and 6134-E all met the wilderness inventory definition of a boundary road. In addition, some private land boundaries were used as unit boundaries. However, BLM determined a portion of interim numbered road 6124-BB was found to not currently meet the inventory definition of a boundary road (see route analysis forms).

Based on these boundary road determinations, the BLM identified one relatively large unit that not only met the minimum size criteria (OR-015-095), but was contiguous with the Diablo Mountain WSA (Map 2). Unit OR-015-095 is approximately 18,679 acres, is roughly similar to the area ONDA identified as their Diablo South proposal, and is evaluated herein. Five other small inventory units were identified in the vicinity that were all less than 5,000 acres, did not meet any of the exceptions to the size criteria, and were 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 contained in the wilderness inventory file.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:** The unit is located just to the north of Paisley and is approximately 7.5 miles long and 7 miles wide (Map 1). The unit does not contain any private or other jurisdictional inholdings. The topography has not changed since the original inventory and can still be described as sagebrush covered flats in the southern and western portions, while a majority of the unit is comprised of rolling hills and draws. Current vegetation is comprised primarily of sagebrush, with saltbush along the western portion. The Sharptop wildfire burned the eastern central portion of the unit in 1983. Portions of this area were seeded to crested wheatgrass and other portions were allowed to revegetate naturally after the fire (Map 2).

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

ONDA's 2005 inventory concluded that their larger 103,460-acre proposal was generally natural and affected primarily by the forces of nature.

The 107,920-acre Diablo Mountain WSA to the north was found to be in essentially a natural condition in 1991. The unnatural features that were present at that time influenced less than 1,000 acres and included 7 waterholes, 5 miles of fence, and 32 miles of vehicle ways (primitive motorized routes) and were substantially unnoticeable (Wilderness Study Report, 1991; p. 43-44).

The current boundaries of unit OR-015-095 have changed somewhat since the original inventory. Within the current unit boundary there are 2 constructed waterholes, approximately 8.8 miles of open, primitive motorized routes, 1.3 mile of reclaiming fireline and other reclaiming routes, 18.7 miles of pasture division fence, and 1 mineral pit covering about one acre along the eastern boundary. There are approximately 2,708 acres of crested wheatgrass seedings in the eastern central portion of the unit that, due to the passage of time, are becoming more natural in appearance to the casual observer. These disturbances are scattered throughout the inventory unit (see Map 2).

Based on a review of all the available information including (BLM and citizen provided) photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM ID team concluded that the majority of the unit is still in a natural condition where the imprint of man is present, but relatively unnoticeable by the casual observer.

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

ONDA's 2005 inventory concluded that their larger 103,460-acre proposal was contiguous with the Diablo Mountain WSA, and therefore, one could easily find outstanding opportunities for solitude (page 69).

In 1991, the Diablo Mountain WSA to the north was found to have outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout due to area's large size and topography, which included draws and broken ridges capable of providing screening (Wilderness Study Report, 1991; p. 44).

Currently, this inventory unit is somewhat smaller than the historic unit (1-95), and is triangular in shape. The landscape is still relatively open with some topographic screening present across a much of the unit (Map 3). While screening within the unit has not changed substantially since the previous inventory was conducted, one would be able to avoid the presence of others and experience solitude due to the unit now being contiguous with the Diablo Mountain WSA, and the solitude opportunities provided by the WSA would be enhanced, with exception of the southern-most edge where the sights and sounds of man are unavoidable due to the close proximity of agricultural machinery and infrastructure.

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 BLM ID team concluded that outstanding opportunities for solitude do exist within a majority of the unit, due largely to the additive effect of outstanding solitude opportunities present on the contiguous Diablo Mountain WSA to the north, but are lessened near private land along the southern boundary.

**(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   X              No \_\_\_\_\_            N/A \_\_\_\_\_

ONDA's 2005 inventory concluded that their larger 103,460-acre proposal was contiguous with the Diablo Mountain WSA, and therefore, one could easily find outstanding opportunities for recreation. ONDA identified hiking, horseback riding, hunting, photography, sight-seeing, and wildlife viewing as primitive recreation opportunities within their larger proposal (page 69).

In 1991, the Diablo Mountain WSA to the north was found to have outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation due to the area's diverse and broken terrain offering opportunities for hiking, back-packing, wildlife viewing, photography, and nature study (Wilderness Study Report, 1991; p. 44).

The BLM currently manages the unit to provide a semi-primitive motorized recreational experience. 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 limited primitive recreation opportunities identified for historic unit 1-95 in 1980 (limited hunting) and those identified by ONDA and determined that hunting and wildlife observation are the primary primitive recreation opportunities currently available within the inventory unit. These opportunities have not changed substantially since 1980. Further, these recreation opportunities are similar to those available on other BLM lands. Standing on its own, the unit does not provide a single, unique primitive recreational opportunity, nor does it provide a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities.

Based on a review of all the available information including (BLM and citizen provided) photos, staff knowledge, and field review, The BLM ID team concluded that the primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities within this unit would marginally contribute to the outstanding recreational opportunities identified on the contiguous Diablo Mountain WSA to the north.

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

Although supplemental values could exist within the unit, none were specifically identified by the BLM ID team.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: OR-015-095 / ZX Ranch

**Summary Results of Analysis:**

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

**Conclusion (Check One):**

X 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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Inventory Unit Number/Name: Diablo South Small Units<5,000 Acres

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

Two of the five units were not documented during the previous inventory, perhaps because they were found to be less than 5,000 acres in size at that time. However, one small unit (1,900 acres) was formerly part of the historic OR-1-95 unit. A summary of the findings for unit OR-1-95 from 1980 follows.

Topography within this larger unit was described as sage flats in the west and south, with rolling hills and draws across a majority of the unit. Vegetation was described as sagebrush and saltbush. This larger unit met the minimum size criteria in 1980. The inventory found 6 miles of ways, 8 miles pasture division fence, and 4 lakebed pits present. The impacts of

man were not substantial noticeable within a majority of the unit because the developments were located on the unit's periphery.

The unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude because of its small size, lack of (tall) vegetative screening, and the exposure of the individual to the presence of others within the unit. The unit offered only limited hunting opportunities.

Unit	Area	Use	Access	View	Sound
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**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

**a. Unit Number/Name:** Diablo South Units<5,000 Acres

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

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Based on these boundary road determinations, the BLM identified one relatively large unit that met the minimum size criteria, was roughly similar to the area ONDA identified as their Diablo South proposal, was contiguous with the Diablo Mountain WSA, and was evaluated separately. Five other small inventory units were identified in the general vicinity. This evaluation focuses on these small units which are located in, or in relatively close proximity to historic unit 1-95. These units are all less than 5,000 acres in size and do not meet any of the exceptions to the size criteria. Based on this size determination there was no need for the BLM ID team to evaluate these five units 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 contained in the wilderness inventory file.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

These units are located roughly 6 miles north of Paisley, near the southeast edge of the Diablo Mountain WSA.

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

Naturalness was not evaluated as the units did not meet the minimum size criteria.

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

Solitude opportunities were not evaluated as the units did not meet the minimum size 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation opportunities were not evaluated as the units did not meet the minimum size criteria.

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

Supplemental values were not evaluated as the units did not meet the minimum size criteria.

### Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Diablo South 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 NA
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X NA

#### Conclusion (Check One):

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

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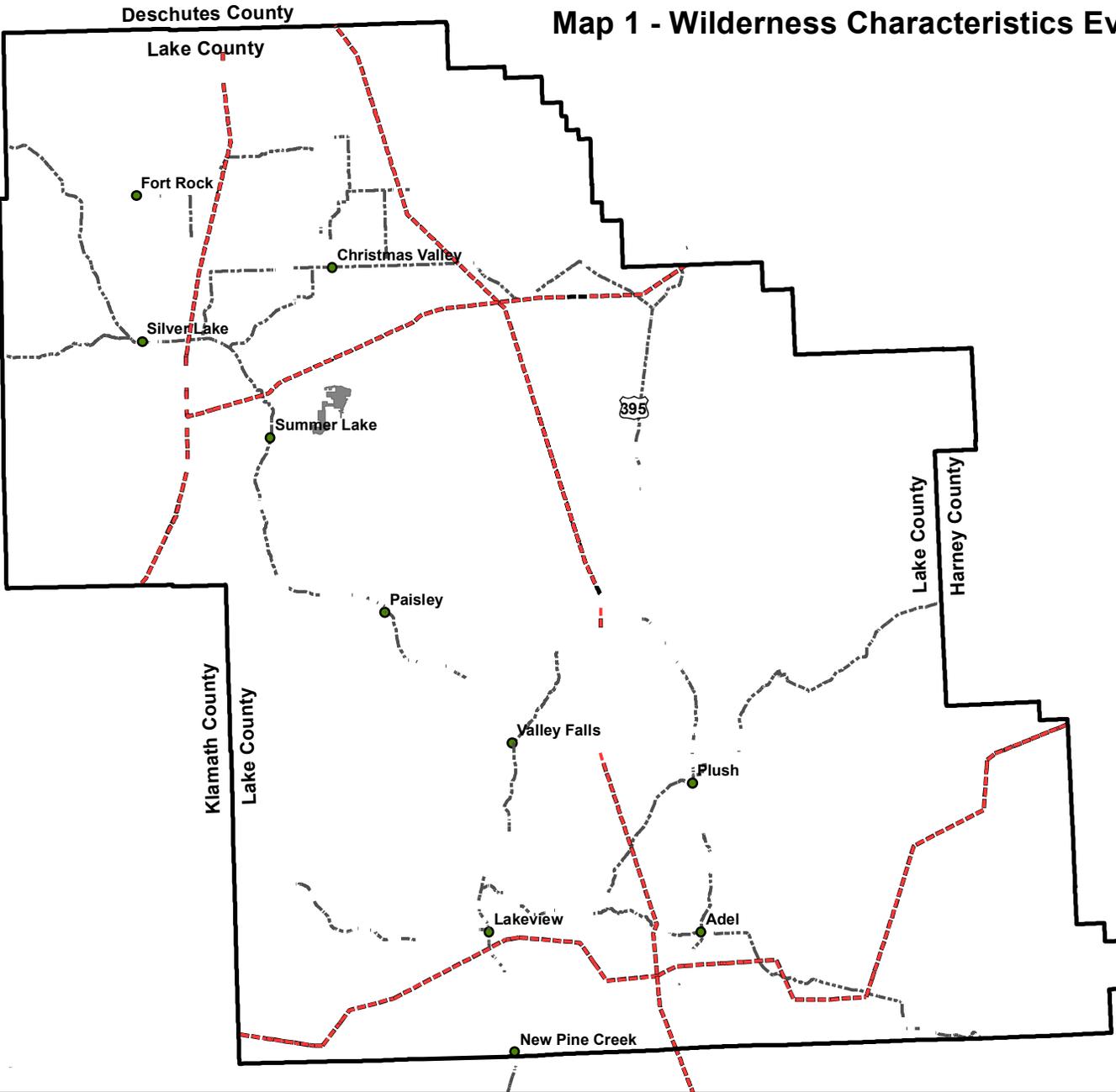
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# Map 1 - Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation Area

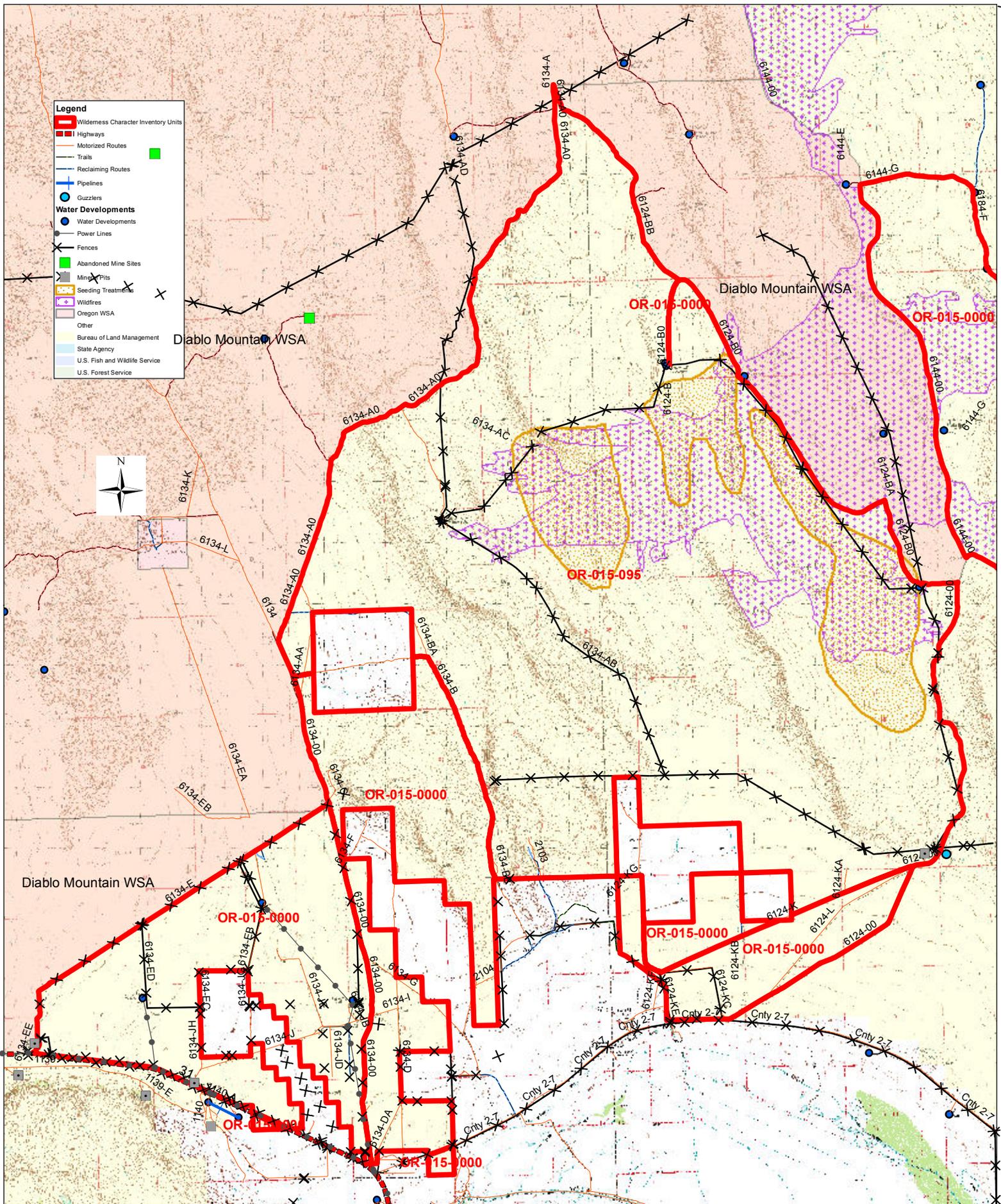


### Legend

- Evaluation Area
- Cities
- Major Utility Corridors
- Major Roads
- Resource Area Boundary



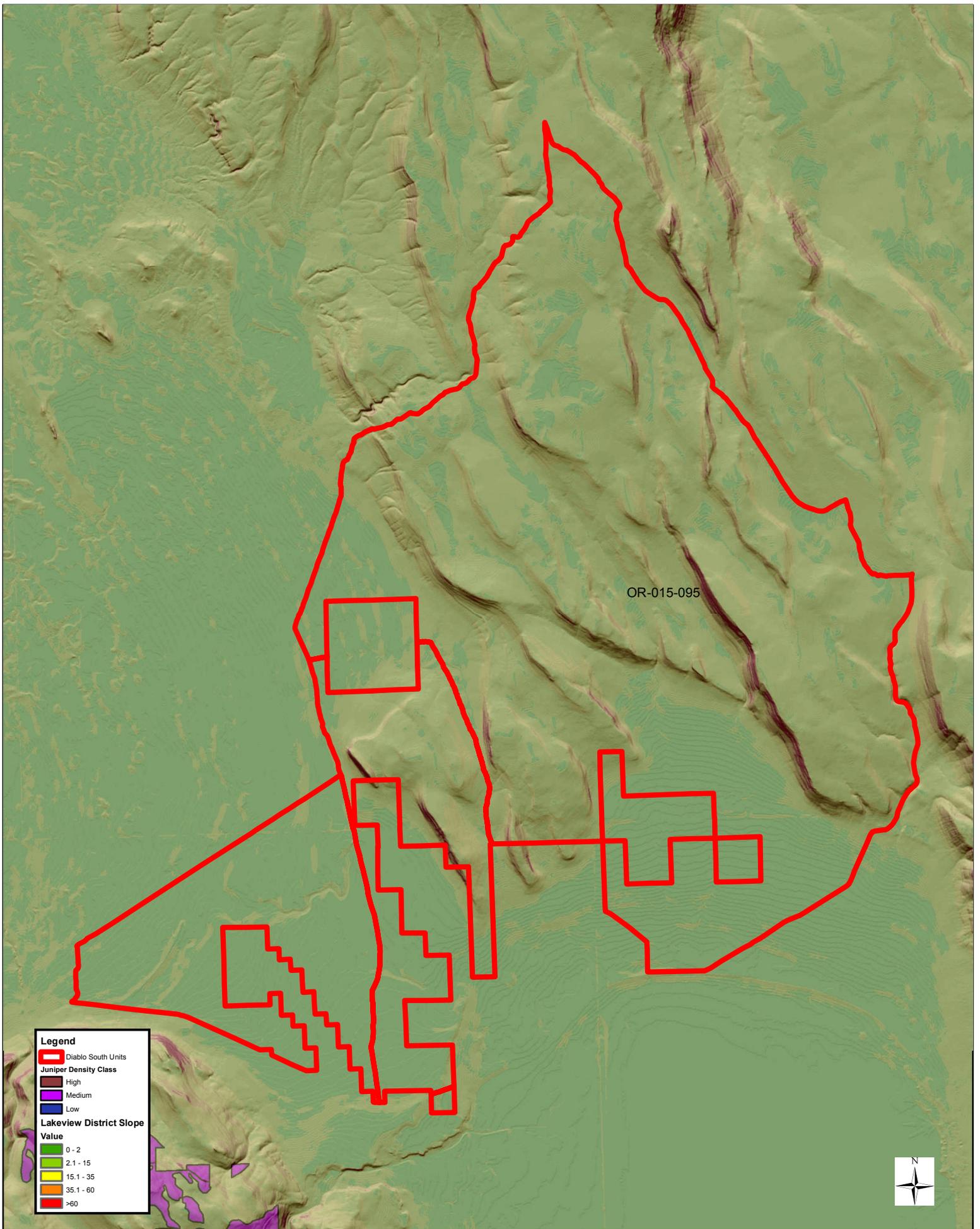
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Map 2 - Wilderness Characteristics in Diablo South Area

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Map 3 - Screening in the Diablo South Area

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