

Year: 2011

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Four Craters Southeast Area Inventory Units<5,000 Acres

FORM 1

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No X (go to Form 2) Yes _____ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source:

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit/acreage and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

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

*Summarize any known primary reasons for prior inventory findings listed in this table:
None.*

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. **Unit Number/Name:** Four Craters Southeast Inventory Units<5,000 Acres

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

Boundary Determination: In 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 the BLM conducted field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventories. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary routes. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed an analysis of the motorized routes within the area in February 2011.

On the south, the units are bounded by a combination of private lands and Lake County Road 5-14. On the north and northwest, the units are bounded by a combination of private lands, Lake County Road 5-14C, and the Four Craters Lava Bed WSA. On the east, the units are bounded by private land. On the southwest, the units are bounded by private land. (See Map 2, route analysis forms, photos, photo logs, and BLM ID team minutes in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these boundary determinations).

As a result, there are a total of 7 inventory units within the Four Craters Southeast Area. None of the inventory units within this area currently meet the minimum size criteria. The average size of these units is 1078 acres. They range in size from 17 acres to 4,629 acres and do not meet any exception to the size requirement.

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

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

The 7 unnumbered inventory units in the Four Craters Southeast Area are comprised of approximately 7,550 acres of BLM administered land located in the immediate vicinity of Christmas Valley, Oregon. The terrain consists mostly of rolling sand dunes which is populated primarily by scattered sage brush. Major human activities in the area include hunting, ranching, and OHV recreation.

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

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

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

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

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

Yes ___ No ___ N/A X

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

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

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

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Four Craters Southeast Area Inventory Units<5,000 Acres

Summary Results of Analysis:

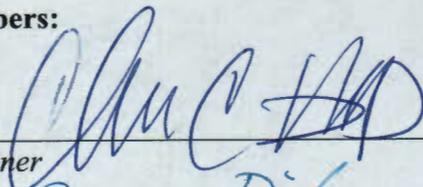
- 1. Does the area meet the size requirements? ___Yes **X No**
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? ___Yes ___No **X N/A**
- 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and
unconfined type of recreation? ___Yes ___No **X N/A**
- 4. Does the area have supplemental values? ___Yes ___No **X N/A**

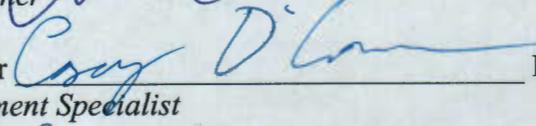
Conclusion (Check One):

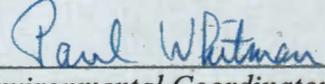
 The area- or a portion of the area- has wilderness character:
(items 1, 2 and 3 must be checked “yes”).

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

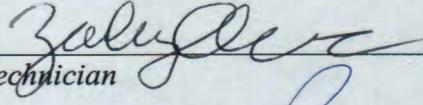
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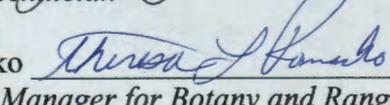
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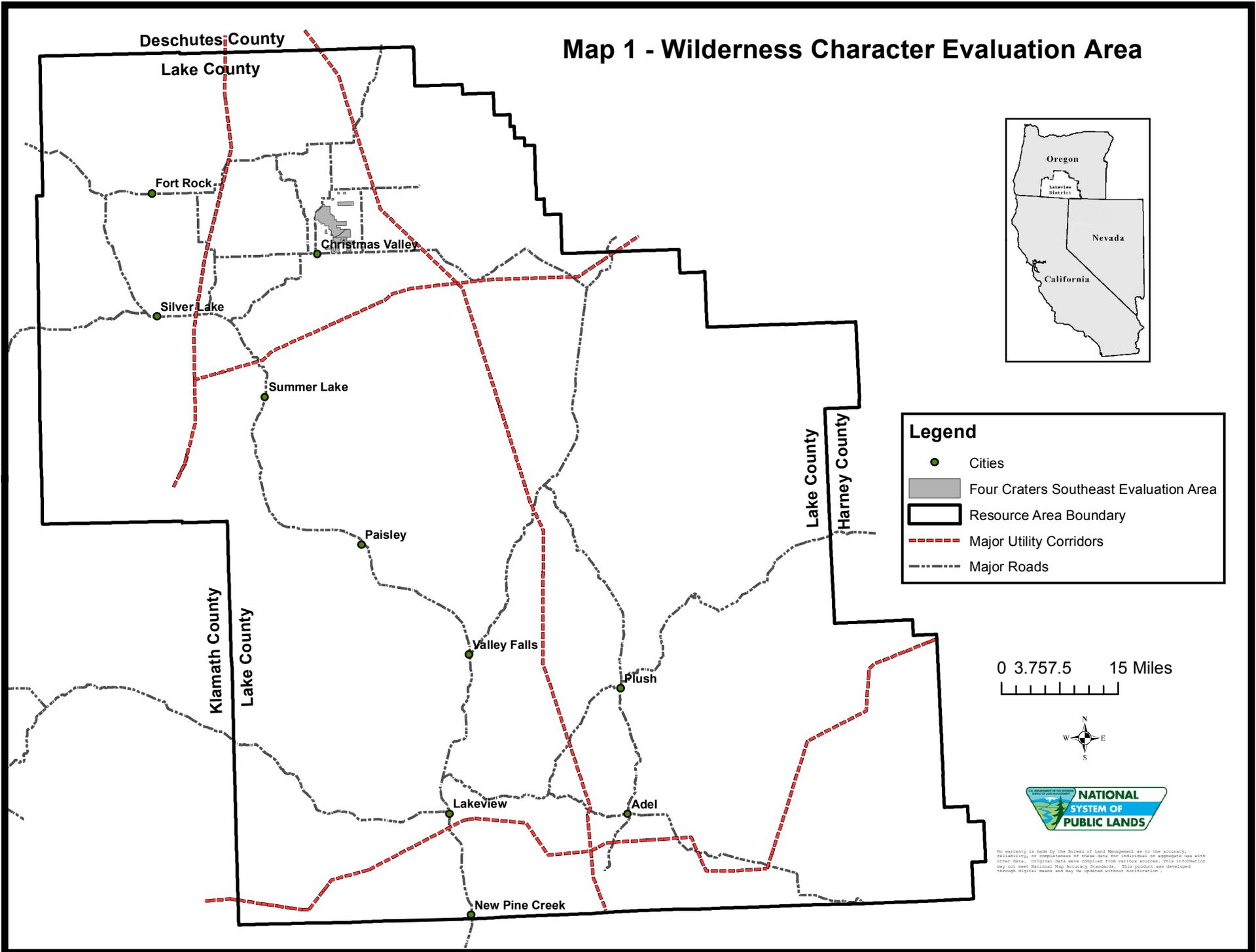
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area



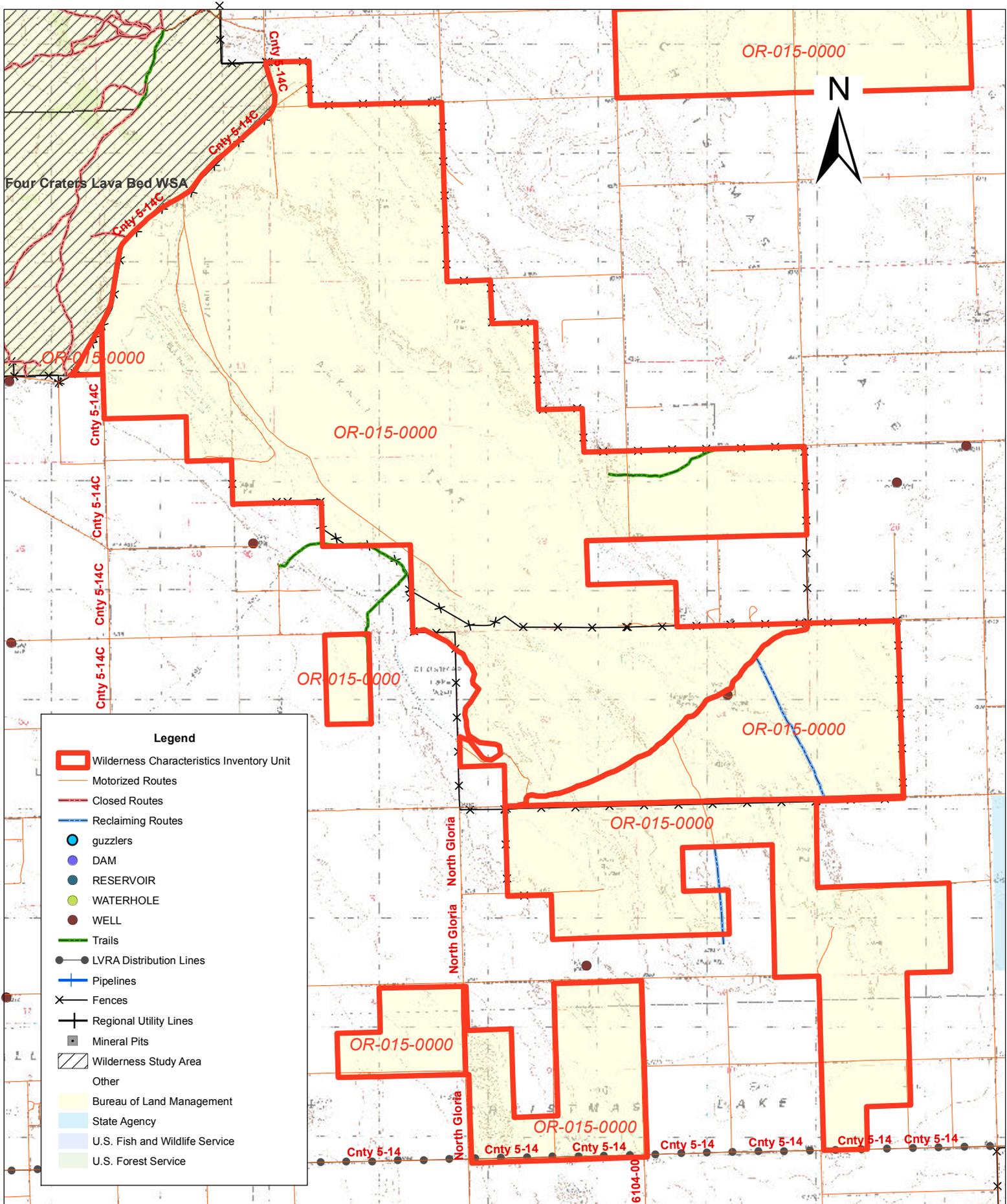
Legend

- Cities
- Four Craters Southeast Evaluation Area
- ▭ Resource Area Boundary
- - - Major Utility Corridors
- - - Major Roads

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Map 2 - Wilderness Character in Four Craters Southeast Area

