

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 & Washington: Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) (Historic) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-106/Flint Hills

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 Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

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

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition ? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-106	23,840	N	N	N	Unknown

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

In 1980, unit 1-106 (Flint Hills) was described as having hills and a ridge in the northern end of the unit that rose 300 feet above the remainder of the unit. The remainder of the unit was described as low rolling hills and basins with sagebrush cover. The unit was severely affected by the works of man due to the presence of eight interior motorized routes and 4 lakebed pits that significantly displayed the impacts of man. The unit did not offer outstanding opportunities because of the lack of vegetation and topographic screening. There was limited potential for hunting and hiking, but neither of these activities were found to represent outstanding primitive/unconfined recreation opportunities.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name OR-015-106 / Flint Hills

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

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. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes in the area. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed route analyses on the routes within the area in 2012. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms and ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The BLM ID team determined that the unit is currently bounded by County Road 3-10 (Hogback), and BLM Roads 6165-00 (Corn Lake), 6115-00 (Sherlock Gulch), 8175-00 (Rabbit Basin), and private lands. In 1980, BLM Road 6115-B0 (Lower Rabbit Creek) divided the area into former units 1-106 and 1-107. This former boundary route is now reclaiming and no longer receives regular and continuous use and, therefore, no longer serves as a unit boundary. (See Map 2, route analysis forms, photos, and photo log in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these road determinations).

Based on these findings, the ID team considered lumping these 2 former units into a single, larger 32,712-acre unit and evaluating the potential wilderness characteristics based on that boundary. However, several large unnatural disturbances still exist within the southeastern portion which the ID team felt could collectively result in finding the entire area to be in an unnatural condition. The BLM opted to use an existing pasture division fence as a unit boundary. Even though this fence does not meet the inventory definition of a boundary road, it did provide a logical place to draw a unit boundary that excluded these unnatural features and an 80-acre private in-holding, while still leaving an area (fairly similar to former unit 1-106) meeting the size criteria for further evaluation. The excluded portion was fairly similar to former unit 1-107 and was evaluated separately.

As a result, the unit OR-015-106 currently contains approximately 20,642 acres of BLM-administered land (Map 2).

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 about 20 miles north of Plush, Oregon (Map 1). The unit is approximately 9.3 miles long and 5.6 miles wide (Map 2).

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

During the 1980 inventory effort, the unit was determined to be in an unnatural condition due to the high number of manmade disturbances including vehicle ways and livestock water developments.

While BLM Road 6115-B0 in the southeastern portion of the unit is currently reclaiming and no longer receives regular and continuous use, the other documented impacts of man have increased since 1980. Currently there are about 5 miles of pasture division fence, 12 livestock water developments, 8.2 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 13.1 miles of reclaiming routes within the unit. These disturbances are mostly scattered throughout the unit and are substantially unnoticeable from a distance (greater than 0.25 mile).

Based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM ID team concluded that, due the unit is in a predominantly natural condition where the imprint of man is substantially unnoticeable (Map 2).

Table 1: Summary of Disturbances within the Flint Hills Unit

Motorized Routes	8.2 miles
Reclaiming Routes	13.1 miles
Pasture Division Fence	5 miles
Livestock Water Developments	12

(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

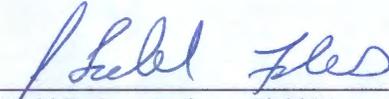
There are some small areas in the northern end of the unit near the Flint Hills that offer some topographic screening. However, even with the relatively large size of the unit, the area has an overall lack of screening. The gentle contours and low angles of the slopes, and low vegetation heights within the unit would not allow one to avoid the sights and sounds of others.

For this reason, the ID team determined that the unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.

(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?**

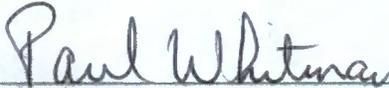
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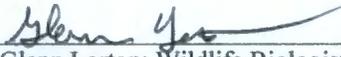
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Year 2012 Inventory Unit Number/Name OR-015-107

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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 Review - Initial Inventory: Final Decision on Public Lands Obviously Lacking Wilderness Characteristics and Announcement of Public Lands to be Intensively Inventoried for Wilderness Characteristics, August, 1979.

b) (Historic) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-107

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 Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

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

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition ? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-107	10,900	N	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

During the initial original inventory in 1979, unit 1-107 was found to clearly and obviously lack wilderness character. The unit was eliminated from the intensive inventory phase because the unit had received heavy off-road vehicle use and numerous disturbances from mining activities. The unit also lacked topographic and vegetative screening, and did not offer any outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name OR-015-107

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

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. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes in the area. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed route analyses on the routes within the area in 2012. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms and ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The BLM ID team determined that the unit is currently bounded by County Road 3-10 (Hogback), and BLM Roads 6165-00 (Corn Lake), 6115-00 (Sherlock Gulch), 8175-00 (Rabbit Basin), and private lands. In 1980, BLM Road 6115-B0 (Lower Rabbit Creek) divided the area into former units 1-106 and 1-107. This former boundary route is now reclaiming and no longer receives regular and continuous use and, therefore, no longer serves as a unit boundary. (See Map 2, route analysis forms, photos, and photo log in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these road determinations).

Based on these findings, the ID team considered lumping these 2 former units into a single, larger 32,712-acre unit and evaluating the potential wilderness characteristics based on that boundary. However, several large unnatural disturbances still exist within the southeastern portion of the area which the ID team felt could be collectively result in finding the entire area to be in an unnatural condition. The BLM opted to use an existing pasture division fence as a unit boundary. Even though the fence does not meet the inventory definition of a boundary road, it did provide a logical place to draw a unit boundary that excluded these unnatural features and an 80-acre private in-holding, while still leaving an area (fairly similar to former unit 1-106) meeting the size criteria (that was evaluated separately). This excluded portion was fairly similar to former unit 1-107 and has been evaluated herein.

As a result, the unit OR-015-107 currently contains approximately 12,094 acres of BLM-administered land and an 80-acre private in-holding (Map 2).

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 about 20 miles north of Plush, Oregon (Map 1). The unit is triangular shaped and approximately 5 miles long and 7.5 miles wide (Map 2).

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

During the 1979 initial inventory effort, the unit was considered unnatural due to the high number of manmade disturbances including vehicle ways, off-road vehicle use, and mining and rock-hounding disturbances.

Since that time, the number of active sunstone mining claims in the southeastern corner of the unit has grown considerably in areal extent (Map 2) and are more noticeable than during the original inventory. Currently there are about 4.1 miles of pasture division fence, 3 livestock water developments, 21.9 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 1,871 acres of active mining claims within the unit. In 1984, a wildfire occurred in the south central portion of the unit resulting in a 1,583-acre crested wheatgrass seeding. These disturbances are scattered across the unit and are substantially noticeable.

Based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the ID team concluded that due to the large number of existing disturbances the unit is not in a predominantly natural condition where the imprint of man is substantially unnoticeable.

Table 1: Summary of Disturbances within Unit OR-015-107

Motorized Routes	21.9 miles
Active Mining Claim Area	1,871 acres
Seeding	1,583 acres
Pasture Division Fence	4.1 mile
Livestock Water Developments	3

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

The current opportunities for solitude were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness 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 were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness requirement.

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

Supplemental values were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness requirement.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: OR-015-107

Summary 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 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 (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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a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon & Washington: Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) (Historic) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-108F/ Rabbit Hills

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 Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

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

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-108F	11,840	Y	N	N	Y

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

In 1980, unit 1-108F (Rabbit Hills) was described as including the Rabbit Hills and some of the Rabbit Basin. The Rabbit Hills rose 900 feet from the surrounding sagebrush covered flat. Rabbit Basin was described as a flat vegetated dry lakebed. The area did meet the naturalness criteria despite several noticeable man made features within the unit. In 1980, within the larger unit, there were 3 miles of primitive routes, 2 miles of pasture division fence, and a few stock tanks. The unit did not offer outstanding opportunities because the configuration between the low angles of the slopes in the unit, in combination with low vegetative cover, left one exposed to the presence of other persons within the unit. Although hiking, rock hounding and photography were available within the unit, these primitive recreation opportunities were not found to be outstanding.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name OR-015-108G / Rabbit Hills South

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

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. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed route analyses of the routes within the area in 2012. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms and ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the former unit 1-108F was currently bounded by County Road 3-10 (Hogback) and BLM Roads 6155-00 (Warner Valley) and 6155-B0 (South Rabbit Basin). In addition, BLM Road 6155-A0 (Rabbit Hills) was also determined to meet the definition of an inventory boundary road (due to mechanical blading during a wildfire in 1984). This road split former unit 1-108F into two new units OR-015-108F and OR-015-108G. Both units still meet the minimum size criteria. Unit OR-015-108G contains approximately 6,207 acres of BLM-administered lands. (Unit OR-015-108F is evaluated separately).

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 17 miles north of Plush, Oregon (Map 1). The unit is approximately 4 miles long and 2.5 miles wide (Map 2). The topography has not changed since the original inventory; however the vegetation has changed from primarily mid-height shrubs to low grasses as a result of wildfire and seeding with crested wheatgrass in the mid-1980's.

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

Currently, there are about 1 mile of primitive motorized routes, 0.2 miles of reclaiming routes, 5 miles of pasture fence, 2 wells/troughs, and 0.2 miles of pipelines. Since 1980, the vegetation in the unit has changed dramatically. In 1984, a wildfire burned the majority of the unit. Approximately 3,821 acres of the burned area was seeded to non-native grasses. Although the original seeding is still highly visible, the rows of grass (drill rows) created from the seeding are now mostly not apparent to the casual observer.

Human disturbances in the unit have increased since 1980 (Map 2), but are still substantially unnoticeable.

Based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM ID team concluded that the unit is in a natural condition where the imprint of man is substantially unnoticeable.

(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 X N/A _____

The low-angle slopes and lack of tall vegetation leave the visitor exposed. The unit's relatively small size also makes it vulnerable to outside intrusions such as vehicles traveling on County Road 3-10 and Road 6155-00. Both of these roads have a moderate level of traffic and vehicles traveling these routes would be highly visible and audible from most of the unit.

For these reasons, the ID team determined that the unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.

(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 X N/A _____

The unit continues to offer some primitive recreation opportunities such as hiking, rock hounding, hunting, and horseback riding. The unit is currently open to motorized off-highway vehicle use (see Lakeview RMP/ROD, Map R-7) and most existing recreational use is associated with motorized access. The ID team found the existing primitive recreation opportunities were limited and were similar to opportunities available throughout much of the surrounding area. The unit did not offer any single unique primitive recreation opportunity or a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities.

For these reasons, the ID team determined that the unit does not provide any outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

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

Although supplemental values could exist within the unit, they were not evaluated as the unit failed to meet all of the wilderness characteristics criteria.

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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 & Washington: Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) (Historic) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-108F / Rabbit Hills

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 Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

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

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-108F	11,840	Y	N	N	Y

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

In 1980, unit 1-108F (Rabbit Hills) was described as including the Rabbit Hills and some of the Rabbit Basin. The Rabbit Hills rose 900 feet from the surrounding sagebrush covered flat. Rabbit Basin was described as a flat vegetated dry lakebed. The area did meet the naturalness criteria despite several noticeable man made features within the unit. In 1980, within the larger unit, there were 3 miles of primitive routes, 2 miles of pasture division fence, and a few stock tanks. The unit did not offer outstanding opportunities because the configuration between the low angles of the slopes in the unit, in combination with low vegetative cover, left one exposed to the presence of other persons within the unit. Although hiking, rock hounding and photography were available within the unit, these primitive recreation opportunities were not found to be outstanding.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name OR-015-108F / Rabbit Hills North

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

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. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed route analyses of the routes within the area in 2012. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms and ID team meeting notes contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the former unit 1-108F was currently bounded by County Road 3-10 (Hogback) and BLM Roads 6155-00 (Warner Valley) and 6155-B0 (South Rabbit Basin). In addition, BLM Road 6155-A0 (Rabbit Hills) was also determined to meet the definition of an inventory boundary road (due to mechanical blading during a wildfire in 1984). This road split former unit 1-108F into two new units OR-015-108F and OR-015-108G. Both units still meet the minimum size criteria. Unit OR-015-108F contains approximately 7,367 acres of BLM-administered lands. (Unit OR-015-108G is evaluated separately).

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 about 14 miles north of Plush, Oregon (Map 1). The unit is approximately 4 miles long and 2.5 miles wide (Map 2). The topography has not changed since the original inventory; however the vegetation has changed from primarily mid-height shrubs to low grasses as a result of wildfire and seeding with crested wheatgrass in the mid-1980's.

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

In 1980, the unit was in primarily in natural condition. Since that time, the impacts of man have dramatically increased. Today there are 10.6 miles of pasture division fence, 5.4 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 3,248 acres of non-native seeding scattered throughout the unit. These density and location of these disturbances, coupled with the low height of the present vegetation, the gentle topography, and the relatively small size of the unit, make it difficult to escape the presence of manmade features.

Based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM ID team concluded that the unit was not currently in a natural condition where the imprints of man were substantially unnoticeable.

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

The current opportunities for solitude were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness 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 were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness requirement.

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

Supplemental values were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the naturalness requirement.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Rabbit Hills North / OR-015-108F

Summary 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 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 (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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Year: 2012 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Rabbit Hills Area Units <5,000 Acres

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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 & Washington: Final Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 1-108 / Rabbit Hills and 1-106 / Flint Hills

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 Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

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

Unit #	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-106	23,840	N	N	N	Unknown
1-108A thru 10108-E	< 5000 acres	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

During the initial inventory phase in 1979, these areas were found to be part of two larger units, 1-106 and 1-108. During the intensive inventory phase in 1980, unit 1-108 was further subdivided into 6 units based on the identification of additional roads within the northwest portion of the area that formed unit boundaries. The resulting units 1-108A to 1-108E were found to be less than 5,000 acres in size and were not evaluated further. Only unit 1-108F was of sufficient size to be evaluated further. Unit 1-106 was approximately 23,840 acres in size, but was severely affected by the works of man, lacked vegetative and topographic screening, and had only limited primitive/unconfined recreation opportunities.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

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

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

Between 2008 and 2011, the BLM conducted field inventory of the area to update its road and wilderness inventories. This field work included photo documentation of the boundary routes. Using BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, a BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team completed an analysis of the motorized routes within the area in 2012. The results of the route analysis are documented in the route analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

These units in the area are bounded primarily by County Road 3-10 (Hogback) and by BLM Roads 6115-00 (Sherlock Gulch), 6155-00 (Warner Valley), 6155-B0 (South Rabbit Basin), 8175-00 (Rabbit Basin), interim numbered roads 6155-BK and 8175-M0, and one private land parcel boundary. See Map 2, route analysis forms, photos, and photo log in the wilderness inventory file for additional supporting information regarding these road determinations.

As a result, there are a total of six inventory units within the Rabbit Hills Area. Only three of these inventory units met the minimum size criteria and have been evaluated separately (OR-015-106, OR-015-108F and OR-015-108G). The other three units are all less than 5,000 acres in size and do not meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria. (Note: the ID team noted the presence of several other routes associated with pipelines in this area (interim road numbers 6155-BI, 8175-AA, and 8175-F) that likely met the inventory boundary road definition, but did not complete a formal route analyses because they were located within units that did not meet the minimum size criteria and would have only served to subdivide these small units into smaller units).

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 three small inventory units in the Rabbit Hills Area are comprised of BLM-administered land located approximately 12 miles north of the town of Paisley, OR (Maps 1 and 2). The topography can be described as flat valley bottom. The dominant vegetation in the area is grasslands with some sagebrush, greasewood, and other shrubs.

(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 size criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Rabbit Hills 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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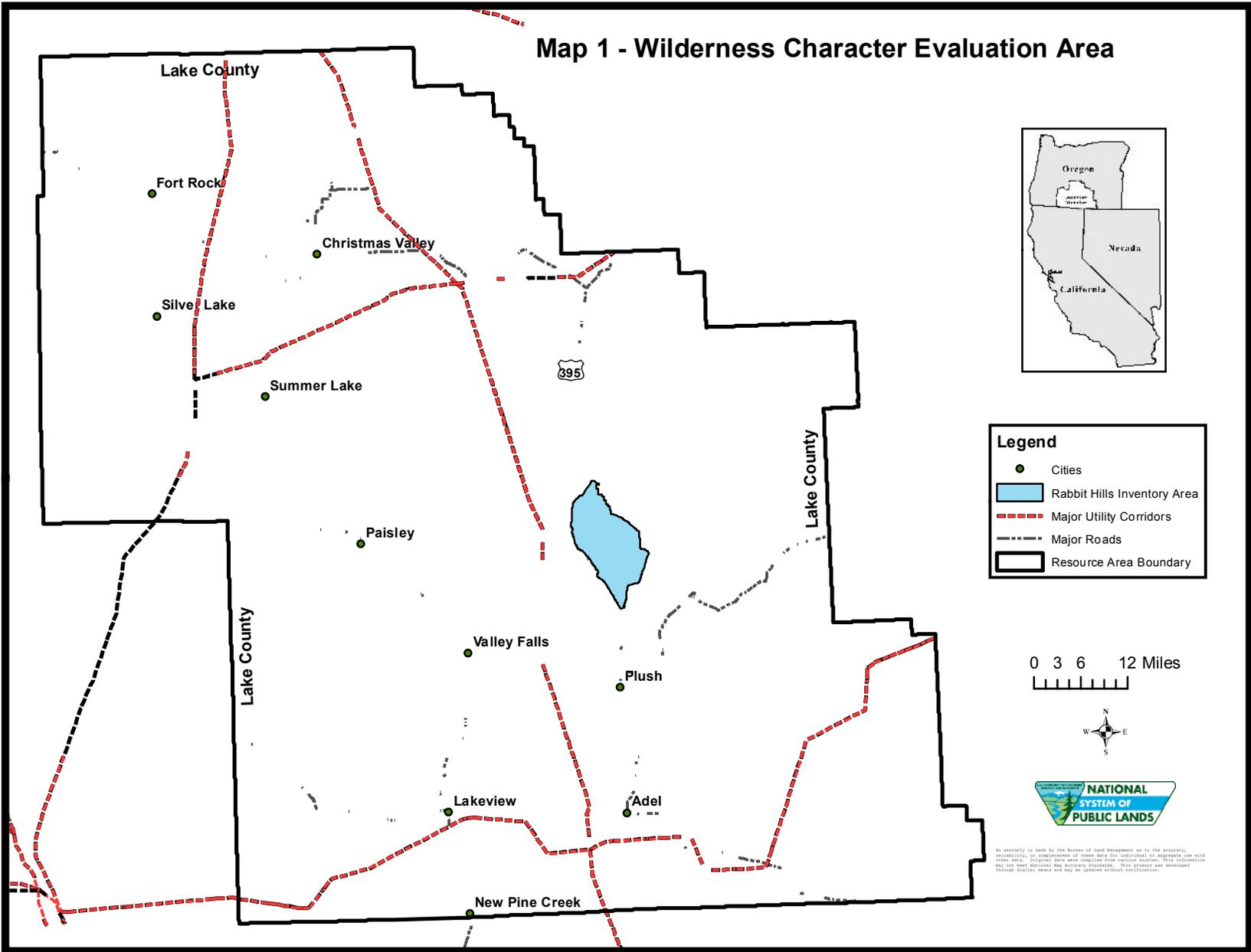
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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area



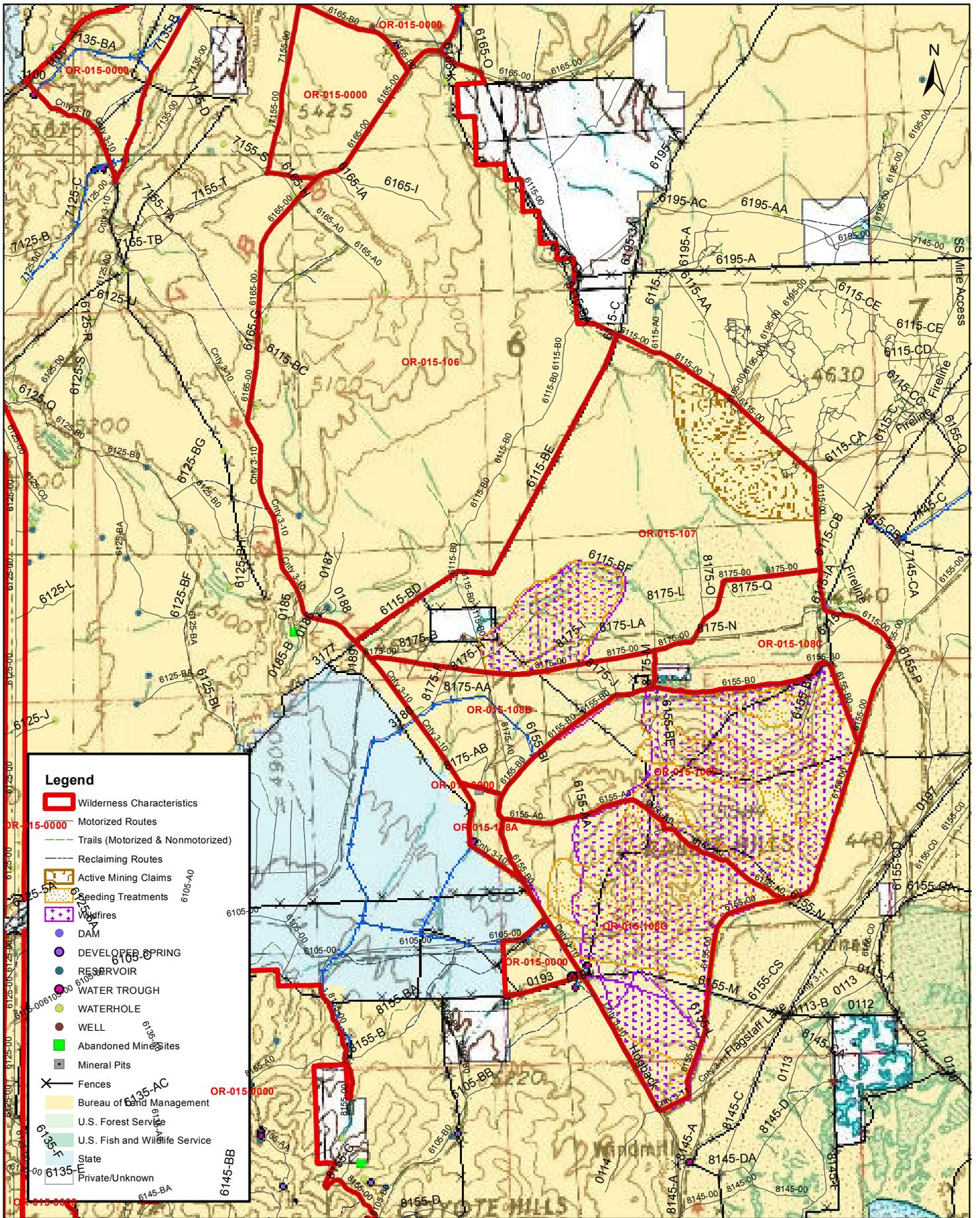
Legend

- Cities
- Rabbit Hills Inventory Area
- - - Major Utility Corridors
- - - Major Roads
- ▭ Resource Area Boundary

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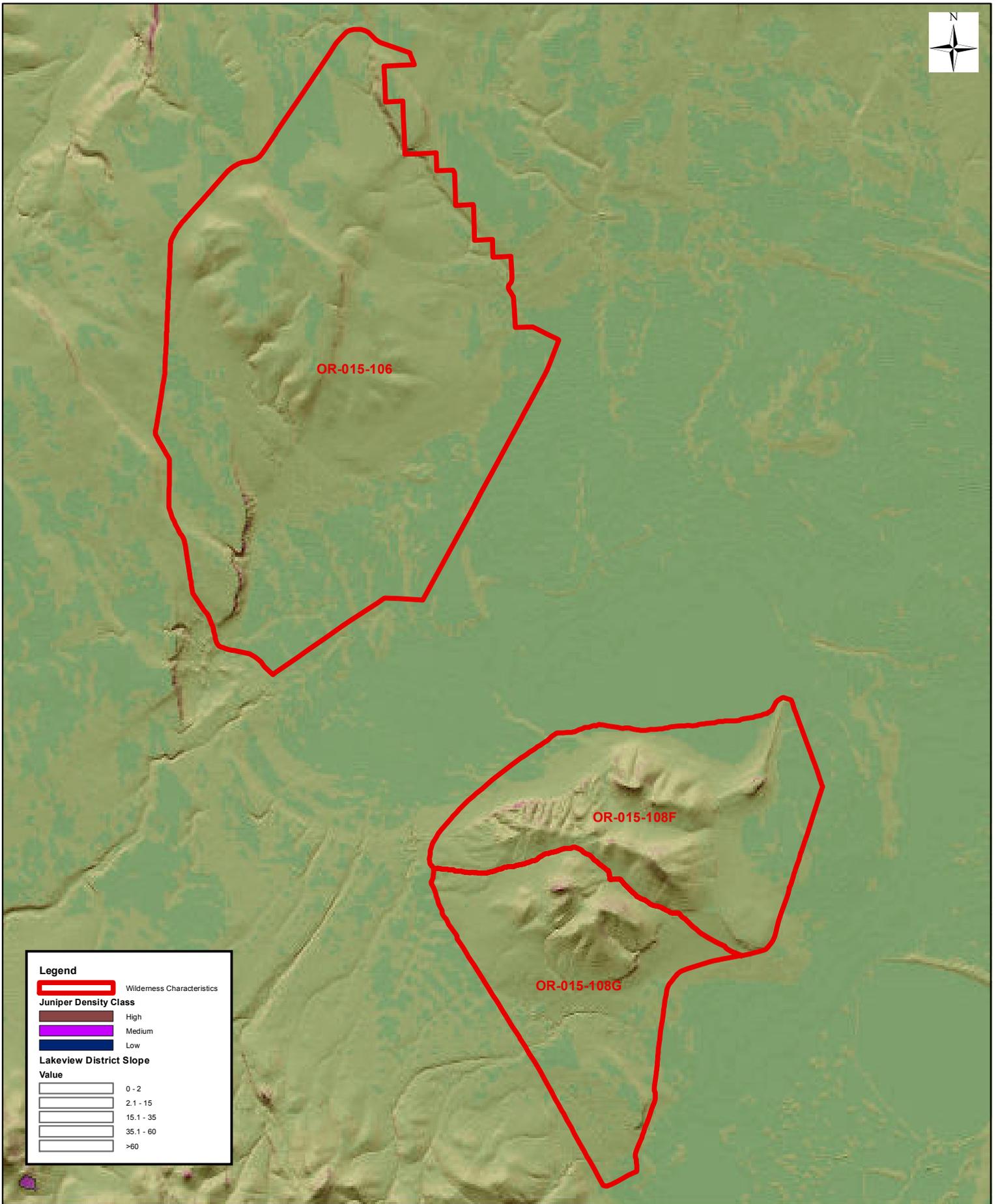


Map 2 - Wilderness Characteristics in the Rabbit Hills Area

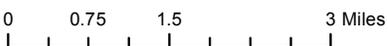
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Map 3 - Screening in the Rabbit Hills Area



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