

Year 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Saddle Mountains East Unit (OR135-)

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 and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics¹:

Inventory Source: _____

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

FORM 2

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

The lands total approximately 10,030 acres of public lands managed by the Wenatchee Field Office of the Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. The Saddle Mountains area is located in Grant County in Central Washington, about 10 miles south of Interstate Highway 90 and 40-50 miles north of the Tri-city area. It extends in an east-west direction along the crest of the Saddle Mountains from the Columbia Mountains to the Adams county line.

The unit is a large block of BLM-administered public land surrounded by private land on all sides, as well as State DNR and WDFW land (T16NR25ES34 & 36, T16NR26ES16&36). State lands are leased for agricultural fields (north side) and vinyards and agricultural fields on the south side. One small private inholding (T16NR26ES6) exists along the ridgeline. Roads extend to communications sites in a few areas, cherry stemmed on the top of the ridge. A powerline runs N/S at the east end of the unit, dividing the unit. Estimate of the remaining unit acreage is greater than 5000 acres.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

Elevation range from a low of 480 feet at the Columbia River to approximately 2,700 feet at Wahatis Peak. The main feature is a plateau with sharp ridge rising about 1600 feet above the Columbia River and agricultural fields to the north and south. Steep cliffs characterize the north side, falling 1000 feet or more to Crab Creek. The southern aspect is more gentle, with grassy hillsides sloping down to agricultural fields at the bottom of the ridge, the Crab Creek area and the distant Columbia River. The southern aspect of the ridge is more gentle, with grassy hillsides sloping down to vineyards, agricultural fields and the paved highway

extending east from Mattawa. These mountains were subject to considerable faulting in the geologic past.

Soils that are found here range from very deep and well drained to excessively well-drained (sandy) soils, to very shallow with rock outcroppings. The east facing slopes tend to have deeper soils than the west facing slopes.

The Saddle Mountains are dominated by big sage brush (*Artemisia tridentada*) and bluebunch wheatgrass (*Agropyron spcatum*). Bluebunch wheatgrass dominate the grass community at the higher elevations, while cheatgrass dominates the lower elevations

Several sensitive plant species have been identified as occurring in the area. They are as follows:

Ammannia robusta
Astragalus geayeri
Lomatium tuberosum
Camissonia pygmaea
Mimulus suksdorfii
Minuartia nuttalli var fragilis
Oenothera caespitosa ssp caespitosa
Oxtropis campestris var wanapum
Cryptantha spiculifera
Cryptantha leucophaea
Penstemon Species
Pediocactus simpsonii var robustior

In recent years, the density of invasive diffuse knapweed has increased and become a management concern. The BLM has treated infested areas as part of its weed management program using a variety of techniques, including biological, chemical, and mechanical means.

The shrub steppe habitat supports a variety of wildlife, including mule deer, coyote, and small mammals including black-tailed Jack rabbits, bushy tailed woodrats, striped skunks, badgers and a great variety of mice, shrews, and bats. Upland birds include chukars, ring-necked pheasants, mourning doves. The land was historical range for Sage Grouse, which have not been found here since the 1980's.

The west and north cliffs are Raptor nest sites. Species include burrowing owls, ravens, rough legged, red-tailed, Swainsons, and Ferruginous Hawk (A federal candidate for listing and also State threatened), prairie falcons, American kestrels, and bald and golden eagles

There are several eligible National Register of Historic Sites located in the unit.

There are several oil and gas leases issued previously by the BLM in the unit, although there has been no development.

Vertebrate fossils and petrified wood have been identified on the mountain.

The BLM issues commercial grazing permits for the lands under Gazing Allotments. There are a number of grazing infrastructures, chiefly fence lines and motorized access routes, which are present and used by the permittee and BLM staff.

Human use consists of some OHV activity (OHV designation is limited to designated roads and trails), but the road system is minimal. OHV use in the unit is limited to existing roads and trails. Some petrified wood collecting in T16NR26ES9 & 10. Communication site activity and maintenance also occurs throughout the year.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: The area is in a natural condition, with few structures visible. Maintained roads to two communication sites run along portions of the ridge and a powerline bisects the unit at the east end (with some powerline-associated roads beneath). Range fences and improvements are also visible, though only locally noticeable. Public access is quite limited, due to private land surround the area, and few roads are visible. Public access is through Bureau of Reclamation land on the east end of the unit.

(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 X No _____ N/A _____

Description: Topography and limited road access help provide a feeling of solitude. Though vegetative screening is limited, public use of this area is quite limited due to access. Several portions of this area have no roads or other access to them. Though agricultural fields, private land modifications and roads can be seen from this area, these improvements are all far distant from the BLM unit.

(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 _____

Description: Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in this area do exist, including hiking, hunting, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: Several State Sensitive and State Threatened plants and one State Endangered plant grow in the Saddle Mountains area:

Ammannia robusta
Astragalus geyeri
Lomatium tuberosum
Camissonia pygmaea
Mimulus suksdorfii
Minuartia nuttalli var *fragilis*
Oenothera caespitosa ssp *caespitosa*
Oxtropis campestris var *wanapum*
Cryptantha spiculifera
Cryptantha leucophaea
Penstemon Species
Pediocactus simpsonii var *robustior*

In addition, Cultural values of lithic scatters, rock cairns, quarries, talus pits and livestock structures are spread across the unit and the rest of the Saddle Mountains.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Saddle Mountains East (OR 134-02) _____

Summary

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 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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Field Manager



Date

Saddle Mountains East

OR 134-02

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Results

Road Inventory Points

 Photo Location

Boundary Features

 Powerline
 Cherry-stem Road

Unit Evaluation

 No - Wilderness Characteristics
 Yes - Wilderness Characteristics

Surface Jurisdiction

 U.S. Bureau of Land Management
 U.S. Dept. of Defense
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
 WA Dept. of Natural Resources
 WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

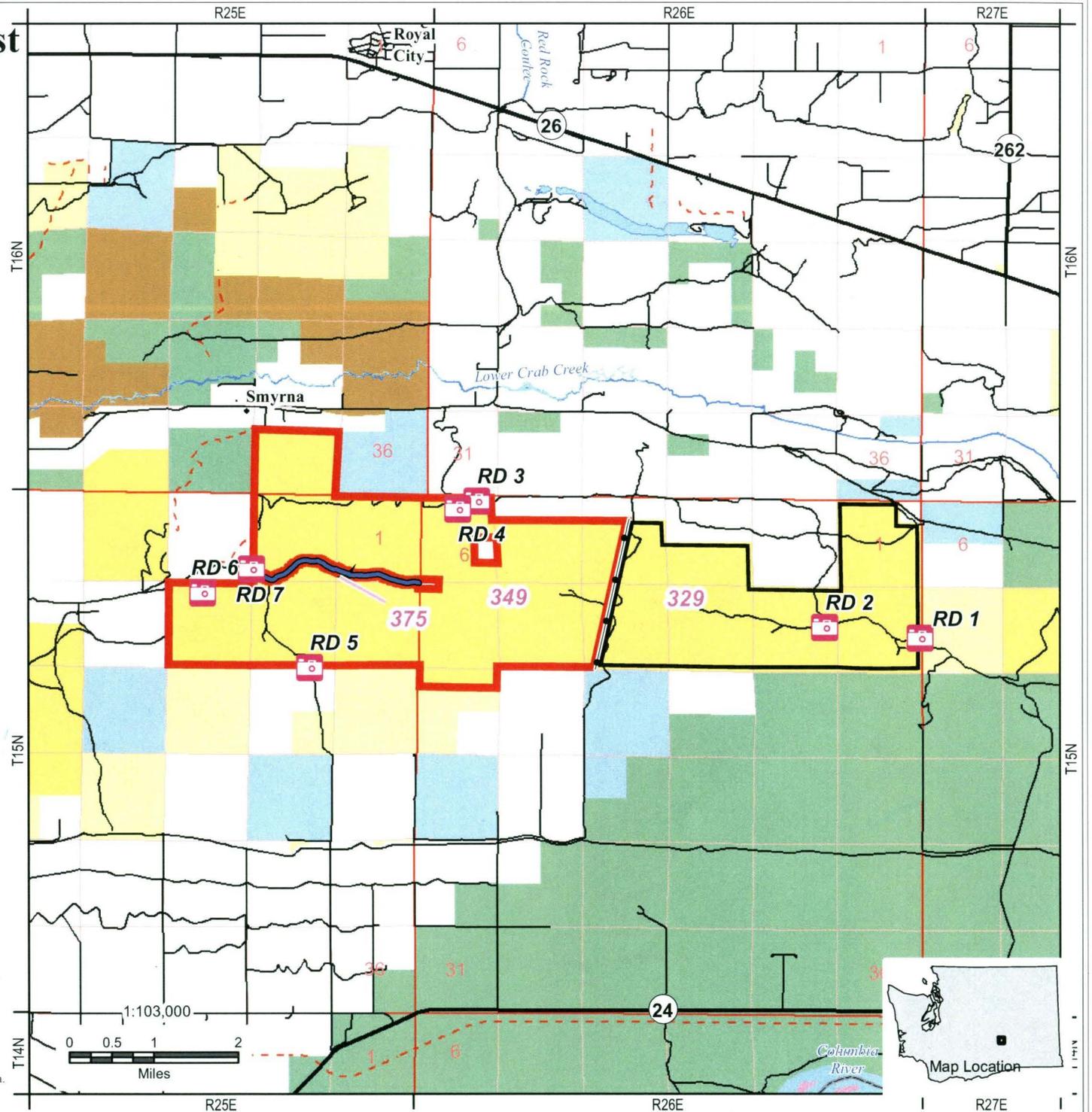
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329	N	3577
349	Y	6503
375	N	8
Total		10088

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**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): __ Saddle Mountains East __ (OR 134-02) _____

Route Name and/or Identifier: __ 001 (Road to Wahitis Peak Com. Site) _____

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: __ Road to Wahitis Peak Communications Site, access BLM range pastures (BLM range travels road 1/year for monitoring, 2/year to check exclosures, fences), range permittee uses several times/year, public use of road _____

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X _____

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: Road was constructed and maintained for Wahitis Peak com. Site. Good condition road.

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: Berms, graded road

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No

Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N) Y _____

Explain: graded, graveled road

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: _____ Comm. Site maintenance, range use, range permittee use _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes _____ No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Recent tire tracks, BLM range uses 1/year for monitoring pastures, 2/year for checking exclosures, rang permittee uses several times/year, comm. Site maintenance several times/year, public use.. _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes _____ No _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: _____

3/9/2010

* **road:** An access route which has been **improved and maintained** by **mechanical means** to insure **relatively regular and continuous use**. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. **“Improved and maintained”** – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. **“Mechanical means”** – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. **“Relatively regular and continuous use”** – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): __ Saddle Mountains East (OR 134-02) _____

Route Name and/or Identifier: _____ 002 (Wahitis Peak Road) _____

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable): ___ 50, 51 _____

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: ___ Public access for recreation, comsite access, BLM range (1/year monitoring pastures, 2/year checking exclosures), administrative use, range permittee (several times/year) _____

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes ___ No ___ Unknown X ___

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No

Hand Tools ___(Y/N)___ Machine ___(Y/N)___

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Comments: ___Maintenance may be shared by comm. Site company.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes _____ No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Evidence of regular use, road is named on map (as "Wahitis Peak Road"). BLM range uses road to monitor 1/year, check exclosures 2/year. Range permittee uses several times/year. _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes _____ No _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: 3/09/2010

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): __Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

Route Name and/or Identifier: _____003 (road along north side of Saddle Mountains)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: __Road accesses rangeland, agriculture land (private ag. Fields all along the N. side of this road), administrative use, BLM range, use by private landowners/State land leaseses in S16.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X_____

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No

Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N) _____

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No

Comments: Range uses occasionally

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). recent vehicle tracks observed. Road borders on private wheat/ag land to the north. Lots of current road work, braided roads on pvt. Land immediately on/around north side of road. _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes No

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: 3/09/2010

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

Route Name and/or Identifier: 004 (Fenced off Road on north side Saddle Mountains)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: Range access, but a new fence has been built across the road, no access

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____ Cut through thick sagebrush, old berms, switchbacks

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No

Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N) _____

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes _____ No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Road has been fenced off _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes _____ No _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: 3/09/2010

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

Route Name and/or Identifier: 005 (steep hill)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: Rangeland monitoring (1/year monitoring, 2/year check exclosures, trough), possibly public recreation access (noted petrified wood digging)

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes No Unknown X

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes _____ No X _____

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____ User-created route. No berms, rough, steep road

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No X _____

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No X _____

Hand Tools ___(Y/N)___ Machine ___(Y/N)___

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No X _____

Comments: ___Would go around impassable section if access were needed.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Range drives 1/year for monitoring, 2/year to check exclosures (as shortcut). (Range permittee doesn't use-uses road)

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes _____ No

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: 3/09/2010

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): __ Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02) _____

Route Name and/or Identifier: _____ 006 (Met. Tower road-north side) _____

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: _____ fence installation, range _____

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown _____

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes _____ No X _____

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed _____ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____ Made by vehicles for constructing
fence _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No X _____

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No X _____

Hand Tools ___(Y/N)___ Machine ___(Y/N)___

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No X _____

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes _____ No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, *and* VI-A or B, *and* VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes _____ No _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): _____ S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton _____

Date: _____ 3/09/2010 _____

* **road**: An access route which has been **improved and maintained** by **mechanical means** to insure **relatively regular and continuous use**. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. **“Improved and maintained”** – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. **“Mechanical means”** – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. **“Relatively regular and continuous use”** – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.

**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

Route Name and/or Identifier:

007

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: Comm. And met. Tower access, range access for monitoring (1/year, check exclosures and trough (S11) 2/year).

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled _____ Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No

Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N)

Explain: Maintained (by private) to ensure good access to com. Site and met. tower _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: Comm. Site company would maintain

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). _____ Vehicle tracks, decent shape of road, regular com. Site access _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes No _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Date: 3/09/2010

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**APPENDIX D – PHOTO LOG
(modify form as needed)**

Photographer(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe, N. Stanton

Inventory Area Name & No.: Saddle Mountains East (OR134-02)

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
3/09/10	47	270	Rd 001	11T0309598 5186146	15N	27E	7
3/09/10	50,51	345	Rd 002	11T0307713N 5186369E	15N	26E	11
3/09/10	52	248	Rd 003	11T0301445 5158874	15N	26E	6
3/09/10	53/54	160	Rd 004	11T0301011N 5188911E	15N	26E	6
3/09/10	55	256	Rd 005	11T0297877 5186074	16N	25E	11
3/09/10	58	90	Rd 006	11T0295993 5187706	15N	25E	10
3/09/10	59	90	Rd 007	11T0296845 5187703	15N	25E	2

Frame 47

E. Saddle Mtns

Frame 47 RD 1



Frame 50 : E. Saddle Mtns Rd 2



Frame 51: E. Saddle Mtus RD 2



Frame 53: E. Saddle Mtns RD 3



Frame 53: E. Saddle Mtns RD 4



Frame 54: E. Saddle Mtns Rd 4



Frame 55: E. Saddle Mtns PDS



Frame 58: E. Saddle Mtns RD 6



Frame 59: E. Saddle Mtns RD 7



E. Saddle Mtns Scenery



E. Saddle Mtus Scenery

