

Year 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-17, Skull Island

**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 1980**

**b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 13-17, Skull Island**

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): \_ Navigational Chart 18421**

**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): \_Spokane, Wenatchee, San Juan Islands Field Station**

**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 characteristics<sup>1</sup>:

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
13-17, Skull Island	less than 3 acre	Y	N	N	N

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**FORM 2**

**Use additional pages as necessary**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: 13-17, Skull Island

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes  No  Island Rock Rocks

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3),(4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check "No" above, check "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary.]

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

Ownership: BLM ownership

Location: N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"

Topography: Skull Island is a gently domed and approximately 3 acres. Access to Skull Island is limited to a small beach located on the east side and accessible during lower tides.

Vegetation Features: Skull Island supports a diverse variety grasses, wildflowers, lichens, mosses, trees and non-native plants.

Major human uses/ activities: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized occurs in the area. Wildlife viewing is excellent in this area for seabirds, marine mammals and other species. Photography is excellent in this area. Sea Kayaking is also excellent in this area. Day-use, picnicking, and hiking are excellent in this area.

Other items: The Washington State San Juan Marine Park once had R&PP Lease for the island as a possible State Park location. The Washington State Park Recreation Commission is not interested in renewing the long expired R&PP Lease.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Skull Island appears natural and is in a natural condition.

(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

Description: Outstanding opportunities for solitude can be found on Skull Island. Skull Island's diverse array of vegetative screening provides ample outstanding opportunities for solitude. Development of nearby shorelines does not dominate the overall landscape.

(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

Description: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized occurs in the area. Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation are excellent and outstanding regarding sea kayaking, day-use, hiking, photography, wildlife viewing and camping.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Supplemental values for Skull Island include a dynamic marine ecological system. The geology of the Island is part of a unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for the island are scientific, wildlife, botanical, scenic and cultural.

### **Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: 13-17, Skull Island

#### Summary

#### Results of Analysis:

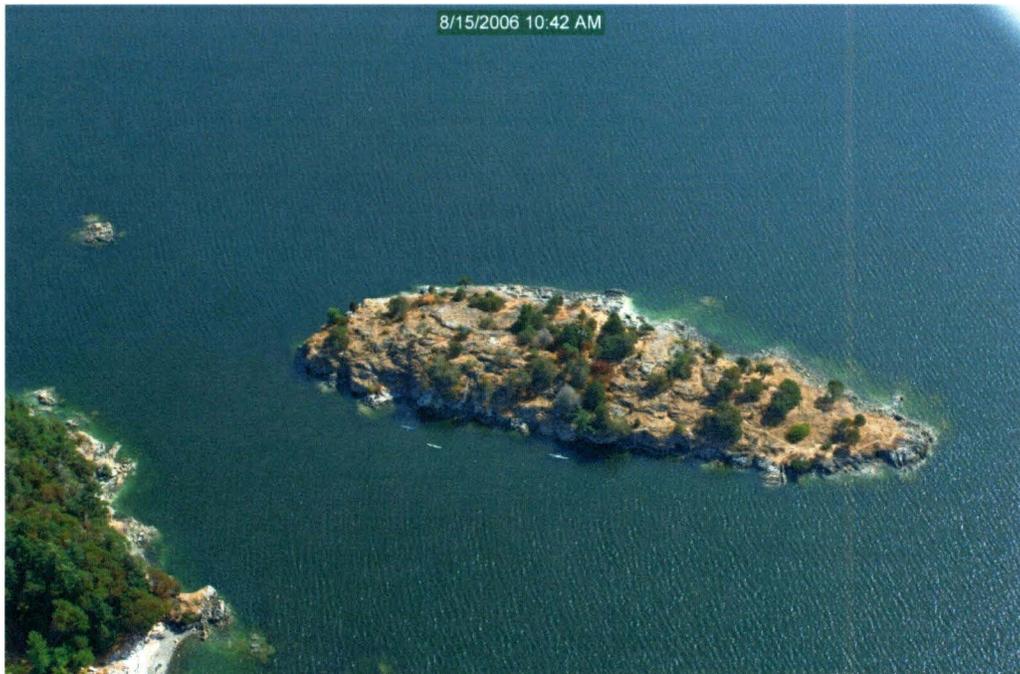
1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes  No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes  No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes  No  NA







08.15.2006	13947	Oblique, SW	Skull Island	N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"	T36N	R2W	Sec.05
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08.15.2006	13949	Oblique, NE	Skull Island	N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"	T36N	R2W	Sec.05
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10.21.2009	2416	NNW	Skull Island	N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"	T36N	R2W	Sec.05
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10.21.2009	2420	SW	Skull Island	N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"	T36N	R2W	Sec.05
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10.21.2009	2429	NE	Skull Island	N48 38' 21.05", W122 59' 10.34"	T36N	R2W	Sec.05
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