

Year 2012  
135-017

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Tiffany Contiguous OR

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

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 Tiffany Contiguous OR 135-017

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

[State the BLM acreage of the inventory 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).

The 40-acre BLM inventory unit at its northern boundary is contiguous to the USFS 22,954 acre Tiffany Potential Wilderness Area (PWA). Because the inventory unit is contiguous with USFS lands that have formally been determined to have wilderness or potential wilderness values, the BLM inventory unit currently meets the size exception for consideration for wilderness characteristics. Its acreage plus the acreage of the described contiguous USFS lands is at least 5,000 acres.

Once the final Colville and Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Plan Revision is completed and signed, if it determines that the contiguous USFS Tiffany PWA lands will not be recommended as wilderness and managed to protect wilderness characteristics, then the inventory unit will fail to meet size criteria, and thus will no longer have wilderness characteristics.

The inventory unit is largely conifer forest with about 5% open meadow, along the lower southwest slope of Mineral Hill. A mostly unused primitive route extends up to but not into the unit at the unit's southern boundary.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description:

Because the inventory unit is remote, small, and difficult to access, analysis of naturalness of its condition relies primarily on: 1) Bing 2011 air photo imagery, 2) office knowledge of the inventory unit, and 3) characterizations from the USFS May-June 2009 Draft Tiffany Potential Wilderness Area (PWA) Wilderness Evaluation which assesses contiguous USFS lands, and those identified conditions in large part are considered to be the same or very similar to the conditions of the inventory unit.

The overall appearance is natural and undisturbed.

(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:

The inventory unit provides outstanding opportunities for solitude in association with the adjoining USFS PWA.

(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:

The inventory unit provides outstanding opportunities for primitive, unconfined recreation in association with the adjoining USFS PWA.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: Tiffany Contiguous OR 135-017

Summary

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of 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 \_\_\_ NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? \_\_\_ Yes X No \_\_\_ NA

Conclusion

Check One:

X The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness characteristics.

\_\_\_ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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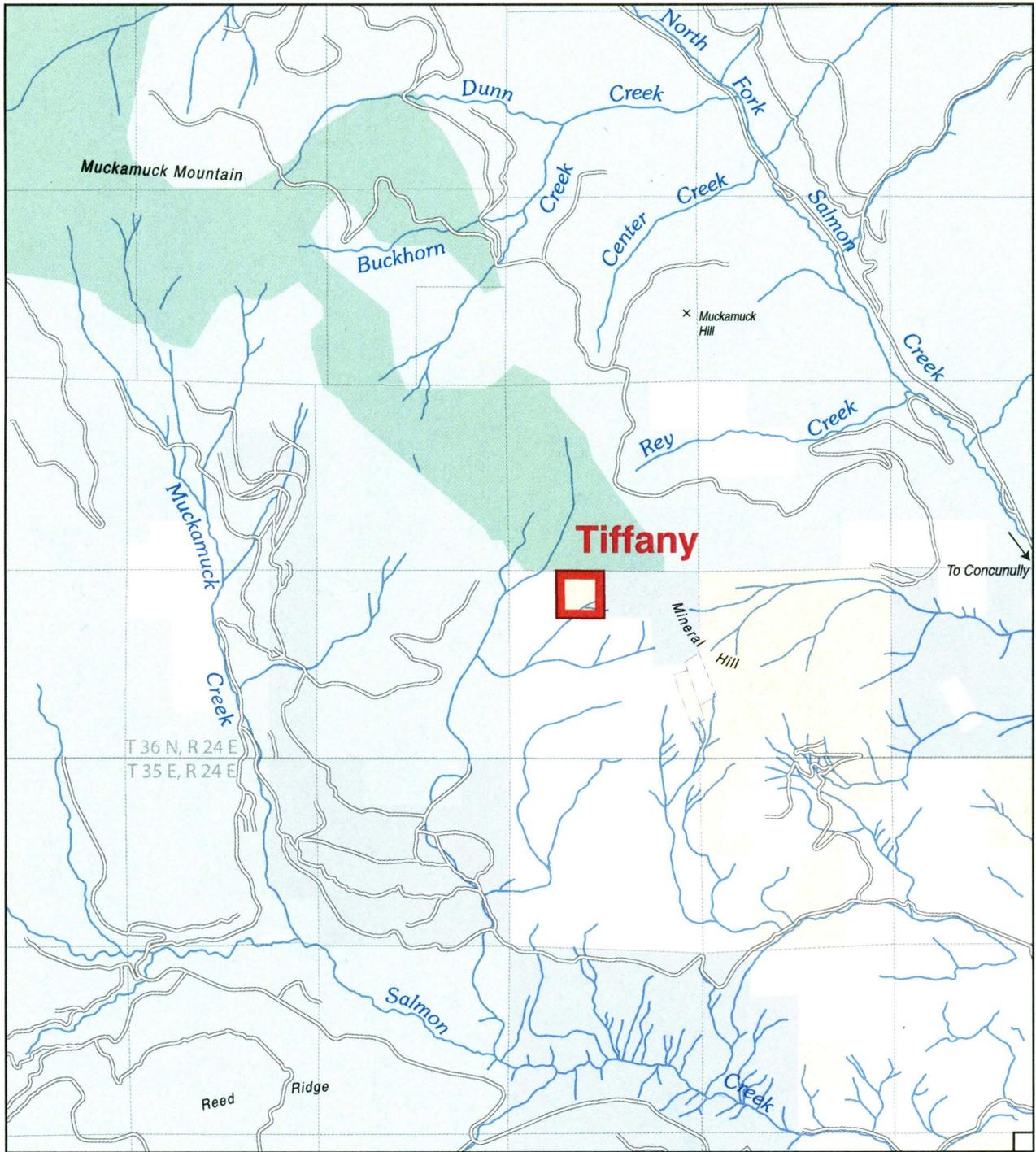
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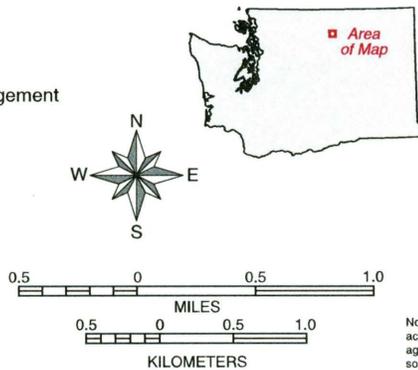
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**LEGEND**

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|  | Area Possessing Wilderness Character |  | <b>Administered Land</b><br>Bureau of Land Management |
|  | Road                                 |  | National Forest                                       |
|  | Trail                                |  | National Forest Roadless Area                         |
|  | County Boundary                      |  | State Land                                            |
|                                                                                     |                                      |  | Private or Other                                      |

**Tiffany Area**



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**Draft Wilderness Character Inventory Results**



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