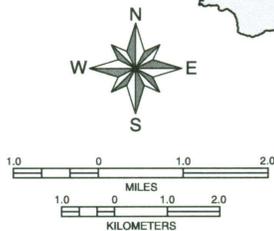


**LEGEND**

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|  | Area Possessing Wilderness Character |  | Bureau of Land Management     |
|  | Major Road                           |  | National Forest               |
|  | Other Road                           |  | National Forest Roadless Area |
|  | Trail                                |  | State Land                    |
|  | County Boundary                      |  | Private or Other              |



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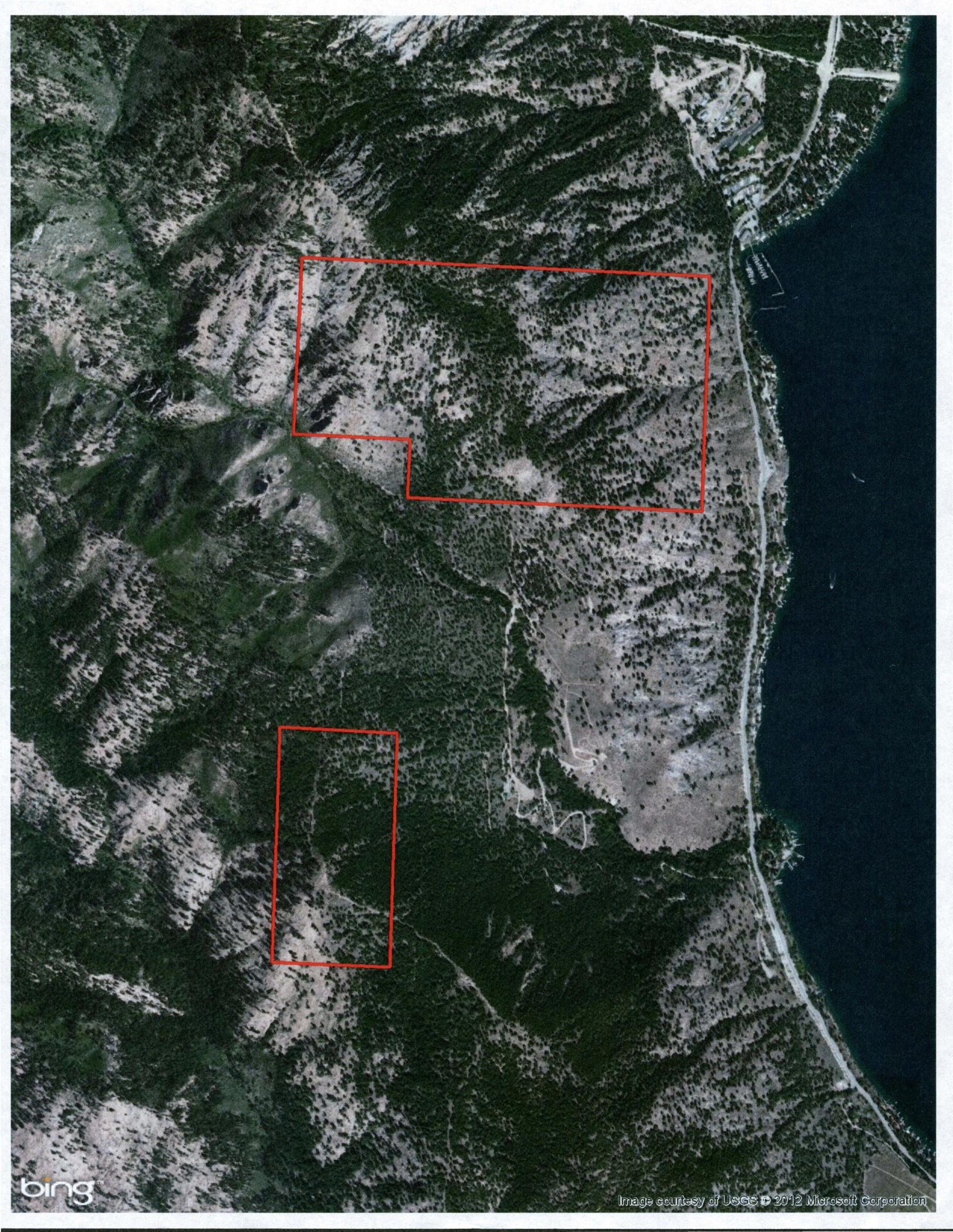
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Year 2012 Inventory Unit Number/Name:  
Slide Ridge Contiguous OR 134-09

**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 Slide Ridge Contiguous OR 134-09

(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 two subunits comprising the total 340 acre-BLM inventory unit are contiguous with the eastern edge of the USFS 11,094 acre Slide Ridge Potential Wilderness Area (PWA). Because the inventory subunits are contiguous with USFS lands that have formally been determined to have wilderness or potential wilderness values during the 2009 wilderness evaluation, 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 Slide Ridge 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 would no longer have wilderness characteristics if determined by this inventory to have them.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description:

Because the inventory unit is distant from the BLM Spokane District office, small, and difficult to access, analysis of the 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 Slide Ridge Potential Wilderness Area (PWA) Wilderness Evaluation which assesses contiguous USFS lands, and those identified conditions which in large part are considered to be the same or very similar to the conditions of the inventory unit.

The inventory unit is an even mix of conifer forest and open ground, along the steep east-facing slope leading down to Lake Chelan. 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 two Slide Ridge Contiguous subunits do not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. The eastern boundary of the northern subunit is situated within 100 yards of the lakefront and its numerous residences and a marina on the west bank of Lake Chelan.

The southern subunit's eastern boundary is 3/4 mile from the lakefront, where private residences and the highway run along the lakefront.

Visitors to the area are not likely to encounter other groups. However, solitude is compromised due to all the adjacent activities that are visible and audible from within the two subunits. The proximity and sight of lower Lake Chelan gives the viewer an overwhelming feeling of human presence.

These features dominate the immediate landscape near the units and do 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

The area offers no real primitive recreation opportunities. The sight and sounds of man and the highly altered environment are ever present. Primitive recreation opportunities are mainly limited to big game hunting and some hiking.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

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

Description:

### Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Slide Ridge Contiguous OR 134-09

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? \_\_\_ Yes X No \_\_\_ NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? \_\_\_ Yes X No \_\_\_ NA

Conclusion

Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character.

X The area does not have wilderness character.

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