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Year: 2010   Unit Number/Name: OR-034-091 -- Box Canyon

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?

   Yes ___X___  No _____ (If yes, and if more than one unit is within the area, list the names of those units.):

A.) Inventory Source(s) -- (X) Denotes all applicable BLM Inventory files, printed maps, or published BLM Decision documents with information pertaining to this unit.

   * Wilderness Inventories
     - (X) 1978-1980 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Unit 3-101 of OR-03-06-12 East Swamp Creek; Partially each of: OR-03-06-10 Cottonwood Creek; OR-03-06-11 Board Corral (unpublished BLM documents in files)
     - (X) April 1979 – Wilderness -- Proposed Initial Inventory – Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington
     - Wilderness Decision Documents
       - (X) August 1979 – 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, Oregon and Washington (green document)
       - ( ) November 1981 Stateline Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decision, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah (tan document)

B.) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s)
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C.) Map Name(s)/Number(s)
   - (X) Final Decision – Initial Wilderness Inventory Map, August 1979, Oregon
   - ( ) Proposed Decision -- Intensive Wilderness Inventory of Selected Areas  Map, October 1979, Oregon
   - ( ) Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map, March 1980, Oregon
   - ( ) Intensive Wilderness Inventory --Final Decisions Map, November 1980, Oregon
### D.) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s)

Vale District/ Malheur Field Office

### 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):

**Inventory Source:** See above.

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<th>Unit#/ Name</th>
<th>Size (historic acres)</th>
<th>Natural Condition? Y/N</th>
<th>Outstanding Solitude? Y/N</th>
<th>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Y/N</th>
<th>Supplemental Values? Y/N</th>
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<td>3-101 East Swamp Creek of OR-03-06-12</td>
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* -- These criteria were not addressed during the inventory of this unit since the units did not meet minimum size criteria.

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APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

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FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-034-091 -- Box Canyon

Description of Current Conditions: [Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities.]

1. Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes ___ X ___ No _______

Description: Refer to associated Map 1 of this unit for its location. The unit has 10,899 acres of public land. This OR-034-091 unit is larger than the late 1970’s combined units because of the inclusion of public lands to the north and east of those historic units. The unit is a combination of those public lands identified in Form 1 as a result of motorized vehicle routes which at the time separated the three late 1970’s BLM units having changed status from road to either a motorized primitive trail (MPT) or as an abandoned route -- meaning it has not been used by motorized vehicles for quite some time. Those which have changed to a MPT are routes which BLM presently does not intend to mechanically maintain over the long term.

The boundary consists of a combination of both private land and a segment of two roads traversing public land. BLM road 7317-0-00 is along a portion of the unit’s west side; another road traversing public lands is located along portions of the unit’s north and east boundary. An eighty acre inholding is also a feature of the unit’s boundary. Boundary roads are mechanically maintained as needed to provide for relatively regular and continuous use.

2. Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes ___ X ___ No _______ N/A _______

Description: The terrain consists mostly of flat to rolling hills. The more apparent Swamp Creek Butte in the unit’s northeastern-most area is situated against a boundary road; similarly, the other higher elevation points or ridges of the unit also hug boundary features of the unit in various locations. Elevations range from 4,180 feet in the unit’s northwest sector to Swamp Creek Butte’s 5,728 feet. Vegetation is predominately native bunchgrass, sagebrush, and patches of scattered juniper.

Refer to this inventory unit’s associated Map 1 for human imprints. There is 5.3 miles of 3 MPTs, 8.7 miles of rangeland fence, 8 earthen reservoirs, and one developed spring. There is no substantially apparent visual contrast of 5 abandoned motorized vehicle routes within the unit. The type, extend and spatial distribution of these developments results in the unit appearing to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprints of humans substantially unnoticeable to the average visitor.
3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _______ No ____X____ N/A _______

**Description:** The scattered nature of juniper, along with the type and small profile of the other dominant vegetation of the unit does not – individually or in combination – allow sufficient screening between visitors to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. The unit has a very irregular shape. Although with a maximum length of about 7 miles and a maximum width of about 3.5 miles, there is only a very small core area where these greater dimensions converge, but which is affected – as elsewhere throughout the unit – by the very irregular and resultant substantially narrow configuration of the unit with narrow widths and/or otherwise fingered extensions. Higher elevations of the unit are widely distributed, but virtually all are against boundary features of the unit. Although a visitor may experience a sense of being alone, the above mentioned factors -- individually or in combinations – results in the unit not possessing adequate settings for outstanding opportunities for solitude.

4. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _______ No ____X____ N/A _______

**Description:** Hunting of common game species (primarily deer, elk, pronghorn and chukar) is the most common primitive and unconfined recreation within the unit. Day hiking and general sightseeing also occurs, mostly in combination with hunting. There are no special or unique features or activities that more so attracts visitors to the inventory unit. Individually or in combination, these activities do not provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

5. Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _______ No ____X____ N/A _______

**Description:** None known.
Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number:  OR-034-091 -- Box Canyon

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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