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

#### APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

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## WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON

(Source: Oregon State Office Internal Guidance as of July 2007)

Year: 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 2-20, Drinkwater

## 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?
NoYesX (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):  a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Review-Initial Inventory, Oregon and Washington, August, 1979
b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Drinkwater</u> , 2-20
c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Final Decision-Initial Inventory, August, 1979
d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): <u>Burns District – Three Rivers Resource Area</u>
2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Inventory Source: Wilderness Review-Initial Inventory, August, 1979, Pages 26-27

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	U	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2-20, Drinkwater	6,510	Y	N	N	NA

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## FORM 2 - DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: 2-20, Drinkwater					
(1) Is the unit of sufficient s	ize?				
Current Unit Acres: 6,044	Yes <u>X</u>	No			
Citizen Information Receive	ed: No citizen inf	formation for this unit was received.			

<u>ID-team Meetings:</u> An ID-team consisting of BLM staff from the Burns District met on January 29, 2009, to evaluate this unit. The ID-team was provided with BLM's current and past maps and past photographs and other inventory descriptions. The ID-team consisted of wilderness, range and planning staff. Wildlife, archaeology, geology and forestry staff were also consulted. Additionally, with the southeast corner of the unit being within Vale BLM District, inter-district coordination was conducted as needed.

**BLM's Boundary Road Determination Process:** BLM completed a route analysis for the boundary roads identified for the unit. Prior to, and during the ID-team meeting, District staff were contacted and provided information about current uses of routes by BLM personnel, grazing permittees, and other publics.

**Boundary changes since 1979:** Two boundary changes have been made since the original inventory. A small acreage was added on the southwest corner of the unit and a block of land has been deleted on the northeast corner when the Juntura Cut-off Road was realigned, paved and improved to allow truck-hauling of diatomaceous earth from Eagle-Picher Mine to Vale, Oregon.

<u>Current Unit Boundaries:</u> (See BLM Unit Character Map): No boundary roads were driven as they are high-standard, paved routes.

N. boundary: Private and State lands

No Photos

E. boundary: Juntura Cut-off Road (CNTY 303 Road);

ONDA Photos: None BLM Photos: None

S. boundary: U. S. Highway 20 ONDA Photos: None

BLM Photos: None

W. boundary: Private land;

ONDA Photos: None BLM Photos: None

**Interior Boundary Roads:** Two interior routes, one accessing two reservoirs in the western portion of the unit and another to a well and large bottomless tank were identified as interior boundary roads. The reservoirs road was bladed in 2007 and the well/tank road was constructed and is maintained to allow trucking of water for livestock to pastures which have no water sources. Other interior routes are unmaintained routes which BLM does not intend to maintain in the future.

(2) Is the unit in a	natural condition?
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Yes	$\mathbf{X}$	No	N/A

**1979 Unit Description:** The unit is located two miles east of the small rural community of Drewsey. The 1979 inventory report noted the unit, which was not intensively inventoried, was an area of rolling hills and some plateaus with sagebrush and juniper vegetation. Developments were fences and stock water reservoirs. A mining claim for diatomaceous earth is located in the south central area of the unit. The works of man were substantially unnoticeable because of the location of these developments. The unit was found to have naturalness.

**Current Condition Description:** The central portion of the unit is a small, high, plateau which drops off sharply on the east to the paved County Road 303, on the south to U. S. Highway 20 in Kingsbury Gulch and on the west to private lands in Drewsey Valley. A small parcel of land in the unit's southeast corner is within the BLM Vale District. It is located in Kingsbury Gulch where the Juntura Cutoff Road meets U. S. Highway 20.

The current Drinkwater Unit contains less area than the original. A well and stock water trough with access road is now located in the east-central section of the unit. There are three small reservoirs with three fenced pastures of the River Allotment and small portions of two other pastures within this unit. The primary use is livestock grazing. The unit currently has the following developments (See Unit Character Map):

Fences: 20.4 miles Reservoirs: 3 Wells: 1 Trough: 1 Cattleguards: 1

Boundary roads: 14.1 miles Non-boundary roads: 3.3 miles Mineral material sites: 12.6 acres

### (3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes	No	X	N/A	

**1979 Unit Description:** It is clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. The rolling sagebrush and scattered juniper covered hills in this area gently slope to a flat top plateau in the center of the unit. Views from most points within the unit are unrestricted. Therefore, due

to the general lack of topographic or vegetative screening, this area does not possess an outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation and should not be intensively inventoried.

**Current Condition Description:** The ID-team was in agreement with the original unit findings. Since it is such a small area and directly affected by sights and sounds of vehicle use on boundary roads, the unit does not have outstanding opportunities for solitude.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunit	ties for primitive and unconfined recreation?
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Yes	No _	_X	N/A
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**1979 Unit Description:** Some opportunities for deer and antelope hunting and trapping were present but were not outstanding.

**Current Condition Description:** The ID-team found that the recreation opportunities identified above are likely still present. Their diversity and quality are not unlike that which can be found on public lands in the much of eastern Oregon in the Northern Great Basin region. They are not unique and do not present characteristics either individually or collectively that would result in these recreation activities being outstanding within the unit.

#### (5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes NO A N/A	l'es	No	X	N/A	
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**1979 Unit Description:** None identified.

**Current Condition Description:** None identified.

## **Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: **Drinkwater**, 2-20

	<b>Summary</b>	Results	<u>of</u> <i>A</i>	<u>Analy</u>	<u>ysis:</u>
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1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? $\underline{X}$ Ye	,		
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2. Does the area appear to be natural? X Yes	N	No	
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude of unconfined type of recreation?Yes	-		
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Ye	s <u>X</u>	_No _	NA
Conclusion (Check One):			
The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness characteristics.	eter.		
X The area does not have wilderness character.			

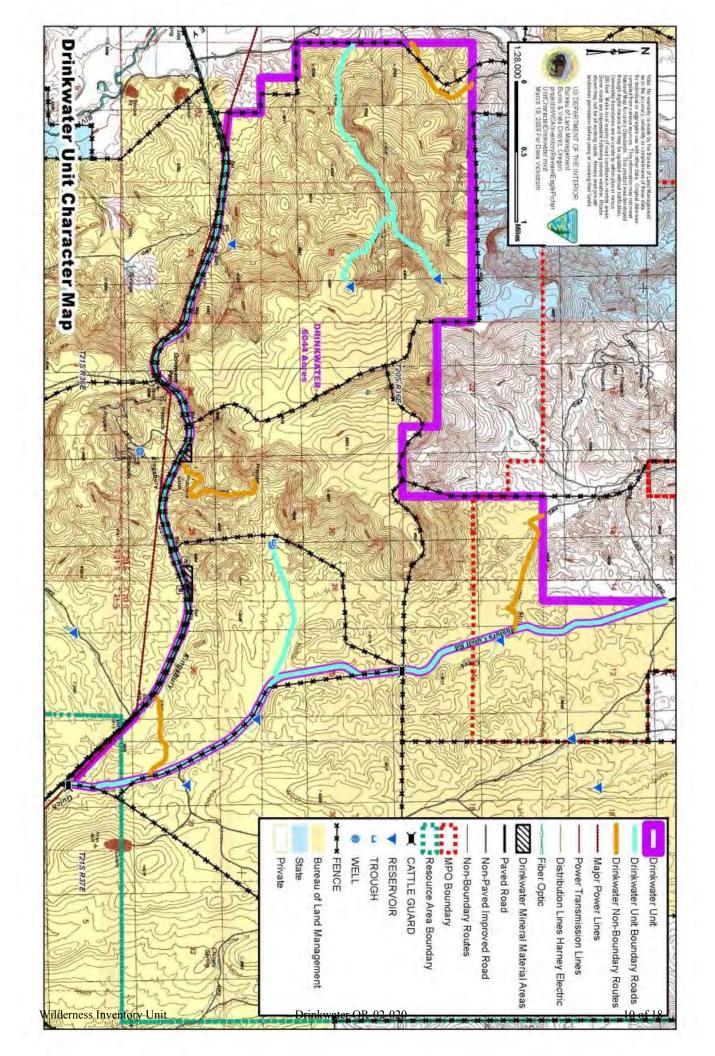
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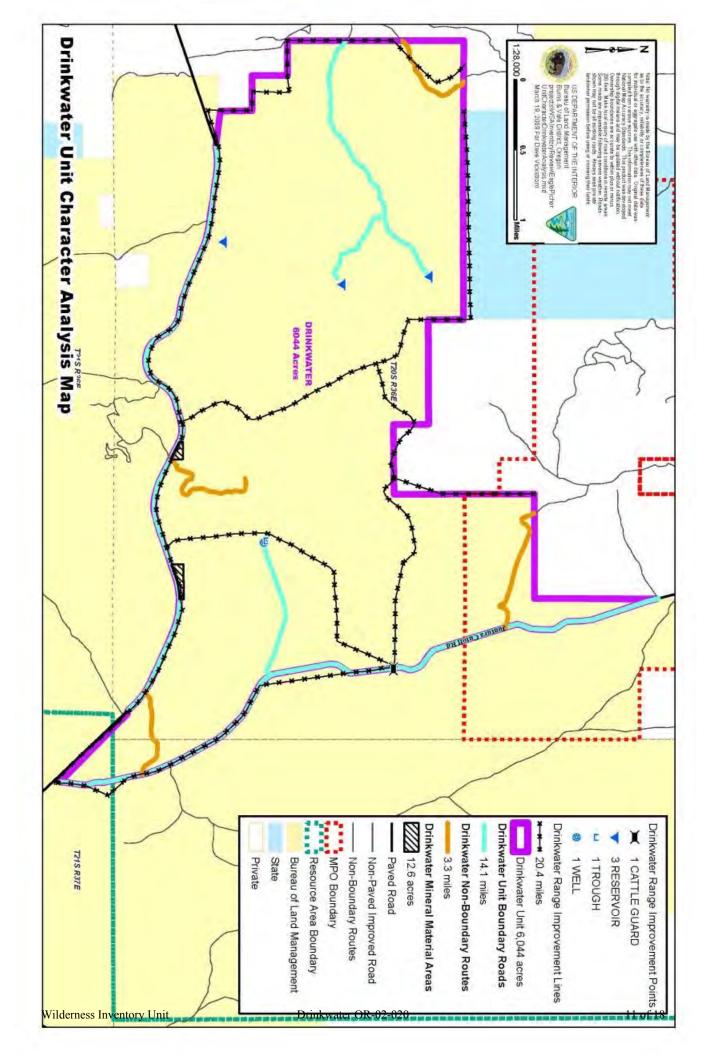
## Wilderness Characteristics Inventory; 2020, Drinkwater

### Team Members:

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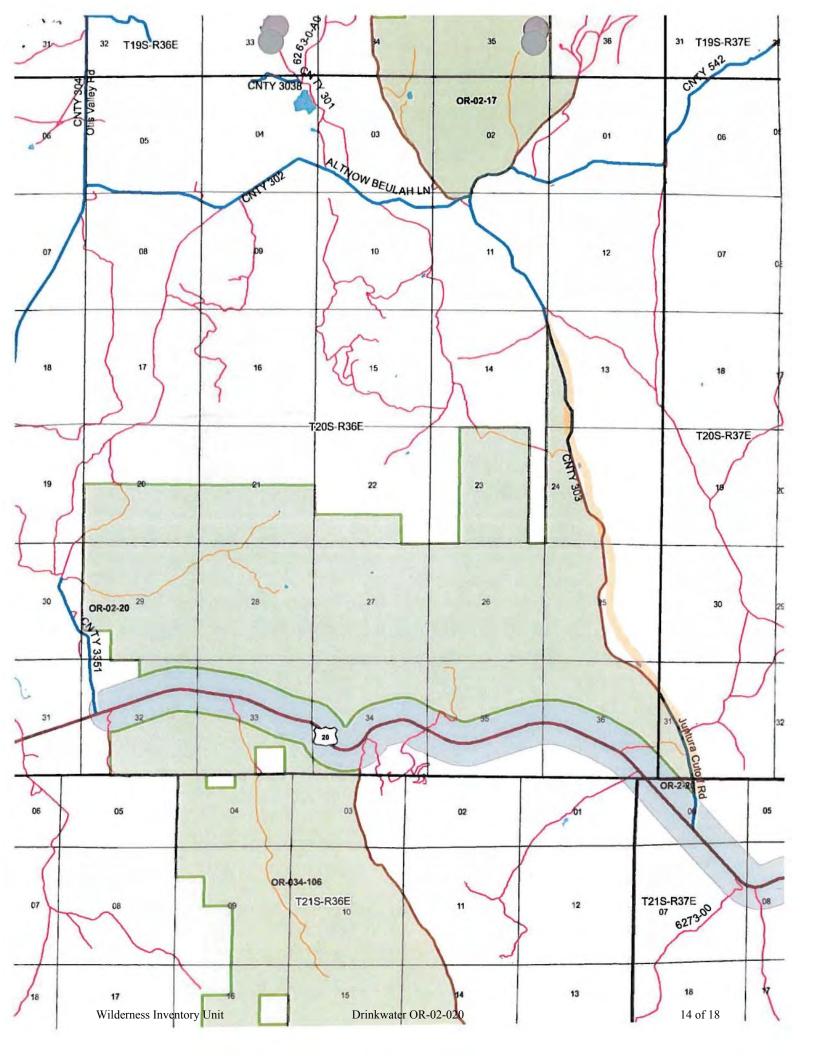
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Is a road	right-of-wa	ay associated with th	is route? Yes	✓ No	Unknown	
IV.	CONST	RUCTION				
Yes	No					
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Yes No
By Hand Tools By Machine/
Examples: Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges Gates Cattleguards Drainage Barriers Other
Describe: Improvements part of upgrading to high-std. Awed road
VI. MAINTENANCE:
A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?  Yes No
Hand Tools(Y/N) MachineY (Y/N)
Explain: Road is maintained by Harney Co. (i.e. repair of paved surface frow flowed as needed during winter  B. If the route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?  Yes No
comments: Now maintained by Harney Co. Road Dopt, as one of the roads in Co. Transportation System
VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:
YesNo
Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred or will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Road used daily when mined resource is trucked to processing plant near Vale.
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: YesNo
Explanation: Route meets the definition of a road as a main access road between Eagle-Picher Mine & U.S. Huy 20.



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Examples:	Stream Crossings	Bridges	Gates	
Cattleguards	Stream Crossings Drainage	Barriers	Other	Y
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Explain: Mainta	ined in 2007.	to clean out	reservoirs by B	LM.
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# W ERNESS INVENTORY MAINTEN ROUTE ANALYSIS

Route Analysis Map 1/29/2009-Celaton Min

(Factors to	consider when det	ermining whether a route	is a boundary ro	d for wilderness in	ventory purposes.)	Projec
Evaluato	or(s): D. Vic	Strom	Date:	1-8-2009	)	(3)
Original	Wilderness In	ventory Area Name	e/Number (UI	IT_ID): <u>2 -</u>	20 Orinkuste	r Unit
Route Na (Include	ame and/or Id Transportation	entifier: Well ac	own, include r	oute number sup	plied by	E14-
I.	LUCATION	Plan Identifier, if known available) 5 to 1	ap Held Ma	and BLM cor	porate data	
II.	CURRENT	PURPOSE OF ROU	JTE:			
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Describe:	Accesses 1	vestock well &	large 30'	ottom less tra	rugh.	- 1
ш.	ROAD RIGH	IT-OF-WAY:				
Is a road r	ight-of-way ass	sociated with this rou	te? Yes	No Unkn	own	
IV.	CONSTRUC	TION		*		
Yes	No					
Examples: Paved Cut/Fill	Blade	ed Gravel	ed	Roadside Berms	s /	
Describe:	Bladed W/	heavy equipme	nt to cons	rnot/access	range develop	ments,
ONDA	Photo Poin	ts	BLM P	er so une l'Co	nsulted	
-/	Vone		Willie	Street, Ran	ge Spec.	
Not a	n ONDA	PWSA		2		

YesNo	7			
By Hand Tools_	By Machine			
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Cattleguards	Stream Crossings Drainage	Barriers Bridges	Gates	
Describe:			Other	
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Hand Tools(Y/N)_				
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B. If the route is in good mechanical maintenance this route became impass	with hand tools or ma	one evidence of mai	ntenance, would	
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