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

### **APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION**

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**Year:** 2011      **Unit Number/Name:** OR-036-066 Little John

**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  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 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Units 3-141of OR-03-10-33 Little John; OR-03-10-32 Tanky; OR-03-10-35 Fretwell. (unpublished BLM documents stored in Vale District case files)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)
- ( ) October 1979 – *Wilderness Review – Intensive Inventory - Oregon, Proposed Decision on the Intensive Wilderness Inventory of Selected Areas* (grey document).
- ( ) March 1980 – *Wilderness Review – Intensive Inventory; Final Decisions on 30 Selected Units in Southeast Oregon and Proposed Decisions on Other Intensively Inventoried Units in Oregon and Washington* (orange document)
- ( ) November 1980 - *Wilderness Inventory – Oregon and Washington, Final Intensive Inventory Decisions* (brown document)
- ( ) November 1981 *Stateline Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decision, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah* (tan document).

**B.) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s)**

BLM 3-141of OR-03-10-33; Little John; OR-03-10-32 Tanky; OR-03-10-35 Fretwell

**C.) Map Name(s)/Number(s)**

- Final Decision – Initial Wilderness Inventory Map, August 1979, Oregon
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**D.) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s)**

Vale District Office

Jordan 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.

Unit# / Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
3-141 Tanky OR-03-10-32**	4,140	*	*	*	*
3-141 Little John OR-03-10-33	8,740	N	*	*	*
Fretwell OR-03-10-35	520	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,400</b>				

\*-- These criteria were not specifically addressed in the inventory of this unit.

\*\* The 1979 inventory did not include the Tanky unit’s name or acreage within the 3-141 unit boundaries that included the Tanky unit.

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## **FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

**Unit Number/ Name:** OR-036-066—Little John

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**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 this inventory unit's associated Map 1 for BLM's Unit OR-036-066 location. The boundary of the 14,108 acre unit is nearly the same as the BLM inventory Unit 3-141 of OR-03-10-32 and OR-03-10-33 during the 1970's meeting the size criteria. The only difference now being the inclusion of the Fretwell OR-03-10-35 Unit and the exclusion of the utility corridor right-of-way width for U.S. Highway 95, an un-numbered County Road, and one mineral material site right-of ways associated with the county road. Acreage for Unit OR-036-066 in Form 2 is calculated from BLM GIS information. The unit is bounded on its northwest side by an un-numbered BLM Road, on its southeast side by BLM Road 6367-00, on its southeast side by the utility corridor right-of-way for U.S. Highway 95, on its northeast side by an un-numbered BLM Road, and on its north side the utility corridor right-of-way of U.S. Highway 95 and private land parcels. The natural-surfaced boundary roads receive mechanical maintenance as needed to keep them passable on a regular and continuous (seasonal) basis.

### **2. Is the unit in a natural condition?**

Yes        No   X   N/A       

**Description:** Given its size relative to the evidence of man-made developments, BLM Unit OR-036-066 appears to be affected not primarily by the forces of nature but with the imprint of humans substantially noticeable to the average visitor. The unit is dominated by a series low profiled rolling hills and extended nearly flat terrain that is dissected by numerous small drainages of Dry Creek that flows to the northwest into Jordan Creek. Elevation within the unit ranges from 3,860 feet to 4,761 feet, with the upper elevations located mostly in the unit's southeast and southeast central area surrounding Murdock Reservoir while the unit's lower elevations are located in the unit's north area along the U.S. Highway 95 utility corridor. All drainage from the area flows through and under U.S. Highway 95 that forms the northern boundary on the unit. Sparsely populated vegetation throughout the unit consists predominately of big and low sagebrush with both native and non-native grass species.

Refer to this inventory unit's associated Map 1 and Map 2 for its human developments. They include 14.2 miles of 18 motorized primitive trails (MPT), 3.0 miles of the East Side Irrigation Canal, 3.2 miles of pipelines with 3 troughs, 10 earthen reservoirs, 4 reservoir exclosures, 17.4 miles of fence line, and 8 vegetation manipulation treatments conducted from 1959 through 1986. The vegetation treatments were conducted in all but about 2.7 percent of the acreage within the unit over a twenty-seven year period. A large portion of the sagebrush component within the unit was reduced by a natural wildfire in 1985 or by vegetation treatments conducted prior to this fire. Presently, to the average visitor, the vegetation treatments conducted in the unit appear as a whole, individually and collectively, mostly indistinguishable across the landscape. Because of the numerous man-made-developments scattered throughout the unit and the location of MPTs that dissect the landscape the unit does not appear affected primarily by the forces of nature.

### 3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

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

**Description:** BLM concludes that BLM Unit OR-036-066 does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. Much of the character of the inventory unit has not changed since the 1970's. The unit is mostly an irregular rectangle in shape. The width of the unit averages about four miles wide while the length of the unit is about five miles. Diversity in landscape relief throughout the unit is limited to a few elongated rolling hill tops that are dissected by numerous small drainages of Dry Creek that slope to the northwest. Elevation fluctuates by only a few 100s of feet per mile if one would traverse the unit from any boundary. The unit's diversity in vegetation that is comprised of both low and big sage brush and both native and non-native grasses across the landscape does not provide any extensive vegetative screening opportunities for solitude or a sense of isolation anywhere within the unit. A large portion of the sagebrush vegetation screening component within the unit was reduced by a natural wildfire in 1985 or by the vegetation treatments conducted prior to this fire. The sights and sounds emanating from traffic along adjacent U.S. Highway 95 along the unit's northern boundary also detracts from opportunities for solitude along much of the northern portion of the unit. The locations of MPTs that dissect the unit in relation to the unit's boundary roads limit the extent of available areas that one could experience opportunities for solitude. As a result of the area's size relative to its shape, the presence of U.S. highway 95 forming the unit's northern boundary, the location of roads and MPTs, the absence of vegetative screening, and the lack of diversity in relief, there is no outstanding opportunities for solitude within the unit.

**4. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X   N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** BLM concludes that BLM Unit OR-036-081 does not provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. The most dominate dispersed recreation activities within the unit would be hiking throughout the northwest sloping rolling hills or hunting of game species (primarily deer, chukar and antelope). Other than nearly flat northwest sloping terrain that exists over almost the entire unit there are no unique or special features associated with the unit that would attract a visitor who is seeking a primitive and unconfined recreational experience. Recreational pursuits within the area, individually or collectively, are not outstanding in character or nature.

**5. Does the unit have supplemental values?**Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** BLM has documented two sage grouse leks within the unit. The bird is a BLM special status animal species.



**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number:** OR-036-066-- Little John

**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
- 4. Does the area have supplemental values?  Yes  No  NA

**Conclusion -- check one:**

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

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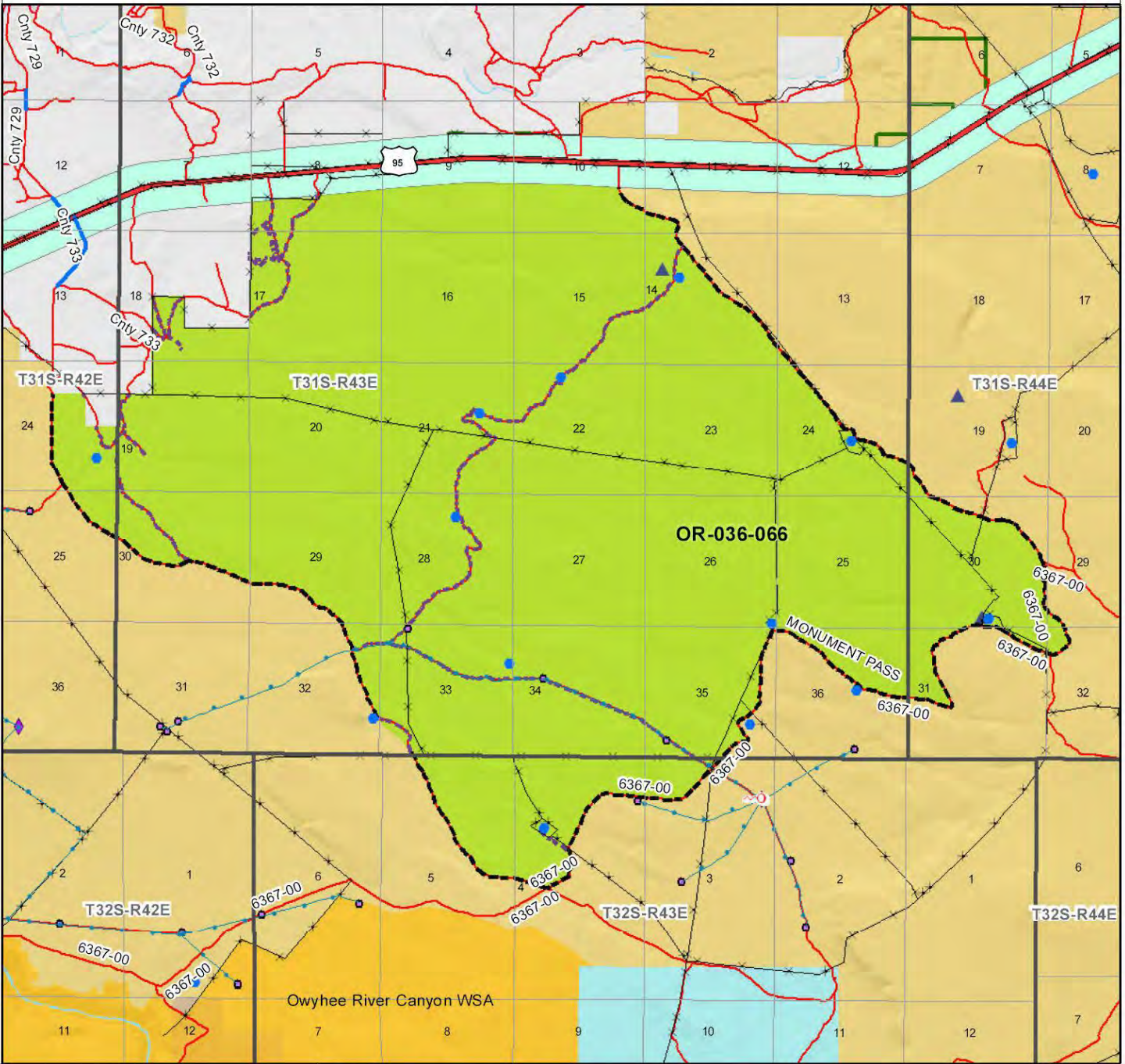
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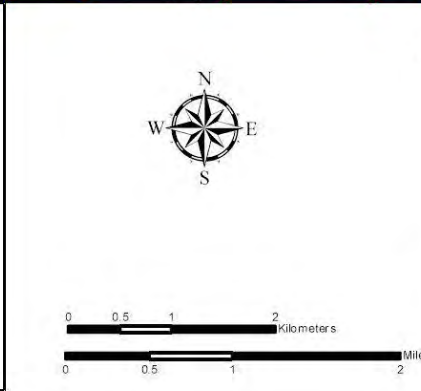
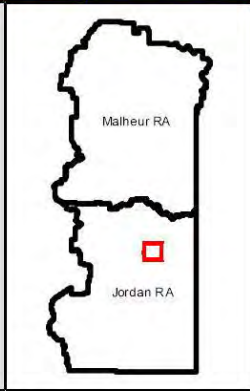
# Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

## Little John - OR-036-066 - Map 1 of 2



**Legend**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Developed Spring</li> <li> Wildlife Guzzler</li> <li> Earthen Reservoir</li> <li> Pipeline</li> <li> Trough</li> <li> Fence</li> <li> Storage Tank</li> <li> Surface Mining Disturbance</li> <li> Sage Grouse Lek</li> <li> Special Status Plant</li> <li> BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit</li> <li> Wilderness Study Area</li> <li> Mineral Material Site</li> <li> Road/Utility Right-of-Way</li> <li> Major Water Body</li> </ul>	<p><b>Route Types - BLM Determination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Boundary Road</li> <li> Motorized Primitive Trail (MPT)</li> <li> Discontinued Use</li> </ul> <p><b>Routes - Outside Wild Char Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> County</li> <li> Major Highway</li> <li> BLM Numbered &amp; Other Routes</li> </ul> <p><b>Land Ownership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Bureau of Land Management</li> <li> State</li> <li> Private</li> <li> Other Federal Land</li> </ul>
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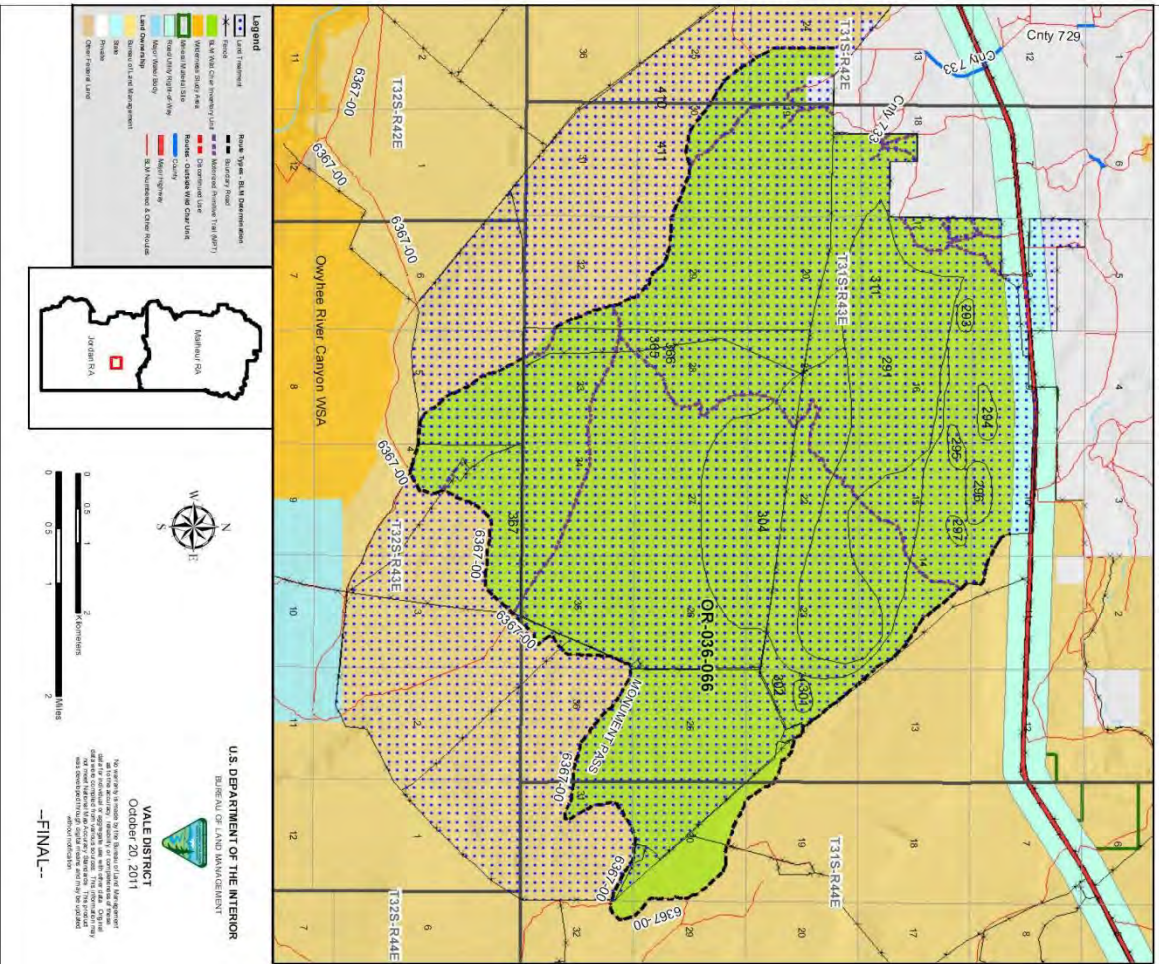
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**Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments**  
**Little John - OR-036-066 - Map 2 of 2**



**Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments**  
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OBJECTID*	NAME	TREATMENT TYPE	SEED GROUP	DATE
291	MONUMENT SDG	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1962
293	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
294	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
295	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
296	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
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301	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
302	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
304	TANKEY SOG & SUPPL.MTL ESR	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1986
311	TANKEY ESR	Drill Seeding	Combination	1985
365	DRY CR PASTURE SDG	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1975
366	DRY CR RESDGC	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1959
367	MONUM ENT B.C.	Chemical Treatment	Not Applicable	1962
410	ROME SEEDING	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1963
411	ROME SEEDING	Drill Seeding	A mix of non-native gr	1963

Note: The Land Treatments represented by many blue dots on the map to the left are labeled with the treatments' ObjectIDs listed in the first field of the Land Treatments table shown above. Multiple types of treatments may have been applied to the same area. For example, one treatment area may have been plowed and drill seeded - a record is shown in the table for each type of treatment.

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