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To: Files – Vale District Wilderness Characteristics (WC) Inventory – WC Inventory units: OR-036-003 Cairn C; OR-036-004 Oregon Butte; OR-036-005 Deer Flat; and OR-036-033 Long Ridge

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Subject: WC Status of WC units OR-036-003 Cairn C; OR-036-004 Oregon Butte; OR-036-005 Deer Flat; and OR-036-033 Long Ridge OR-036-101, as they relate to the status of Winnemucca District’s WC Inventory

The four Subject Vale District wilderness characteristics (WC) inventory units are considered by Vale District to be contiguous to adjacent preliminarily identified (by Vale District) WC inventory units within Winnemucca District. The present identifier for each of the Winnemucca preliminary WC inventory units has been assigned by Vale District. These identifiers are preliminary, to eventually be replaced by identifiers (and WC inventory unit names) which Winnemucca District would eventually establish.

In 2007 and 2010 Vale District identified – and with related WC inventory findings determined – WC inventory units within Vale District along the NV state line. OR-036-003 is contiguous to Winnemucca District’s NV-01000-VL3; OR-036-004 is contiguous to NV-01000-VL4; OR-036-005 is contiguous to NV-01000-VL5; and OR-036-033 is contiguous to NV-01000-VL33 (see the attached 4 Vale District - generated maps). Refer to the WC file of each of Vale District’s Subject WC inventory units for the current (2007 and 2010) Vale District WC inventory findings.

To date during 2012, following the 2011 BLM national issuance of instruction for conducting WC inventory, Vale District has renewed coordination efforts with Winnemucca District for updating WC inventory of public lands bordering the two district’s common administrative boundary (State line). Vale District provided Winnemucca District copies of its applicable 2007 and 2010 Form 1, Form 2 and associated map(s) for the 4 WC inventory units bordering that district. Inter-district coordination efforts are reflected in copies of e-mails retained in the Vale District WC files (hard copy) for each of the 4 units.

When Winnemucca District provides Vale District its WC inventory maintenance information, and as a result should updates of WC maintenance be mutually determined to be needed for an inventory unit, then Vale District will incorporate the new information, and a copy of the updated WC inventory maintenance records for the unit(s) will be provided to Winnemucca District. Until such time, the applicable 2007 and 2010 WC findings within Vale District for the 4 Vale District WC inventory units remain unchanged.