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

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

- 1) Document and review the existing BLM wilderness inventory findings on file, if available, regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.
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Year: 2010 **Unit Number/Name:** OR-036-025 -- Military Road

**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.):

NOTE: Although this unit contains OR-03-08-24 within the unit there was no old inventory folder found in the Vale District for this old inventory.

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

- 1978 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Unit OR-03-08-23 Military Road; Partially of OR-03-08-24 Coyote Lake. (Unpublished BLM documents stored in case files)
- April 1979 – *Wilderness -- Proposed Initial Inventory – Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington*

Wilderness Decision Documents

- 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 OR-03-08-23 Military Road; Partially of OR-03-08-24

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.
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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
OR-03-08-23 Military Road	4,280	Y	N	N	*
Partially of OR-03-08-24 ** Coyote Lake	18,800				
TOTAL	23,080				

*- Determinations for the criteria was not described for this inventory unit.

**- There was original inventory documentation found for OR-03-08-24 Coyote Lake in the Vale District.

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FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-036-025 -- Military Road

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 the attached map for the inventory unit's location. The outer boundaries of the 11,414 acre unit results in a notably larger unit than the BLM 1970's inventory unit by the same name. Unlike the original unit, the present unit satisfies the minimum size criteria due to BLM acquisition of certain land parcels and by the unit extending further to the west as a result of a vehicle route changing status from a road to a motorized primitive trail. This somewhat triangular-shaped unit is bounded on its southeast by the utility corridor of County Road 1123, by non-BLM lands in its southern corner and northwest side, and by a road traversing public lands on its northeast side which also separates the unit from the neighboring Alvord Desert WSA (OR-2-74), County Road 1123 a primary access route, and the road separating the unit from the WSA receive mechanical maintenance as needed to keep them passable for regular and continuous (seasonal) use.

2. Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No N/A

Description: The unit is predominately flat in general appearance with some very low gently gradated terrain dissected by segments of numerous drainages, including portions of Antelope Creek and Twelvemile Creek. Elevations range from 4,120 and 4,450 feet. Vegetation consists predominately of a desert salt brush community with interspersed sparse quantities of bunch grass and big sagebrush.

Refer to the attached Map 1 for human imprints in the unit. They consist solely of 12.2 miles of 5 motorized primitive trails (MPTs) and remnant visual evidence of 2.0 miles of discontinued routes. The longest of these MPTs traverses the NE-SW length of the unit, is locally referred to as the "Crooked Creek Range Road" (County route 3525) and is the historic "Oregon Central Military Wagon Road". Given the minimal evidence and presence of man-made developments relative to the unit's size and the wide distribution of its MPTs, the unit appears to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of humans substantially unnoticeable to the average visitor.

3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?Yes _____ No N/A _____

Description: The unit is somewhat triangular shape, its greatest width not exceeding 4 miles and its length about 5 miles. With the unit being dominated by near-flat terrain and considering the unit's configuration and its lack of both vegetative and topographic screening, it does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. BLM concludes that Unit OR-036-025 does not contain outstanding opportunities for solitude.

4. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?Yes _____ No N/A _____

Description: The dominate dispersed recreation activity is hunting of upland and big game species (deer and chukar, some antelope); associated horseback riding and hiking occurs. Individually or collectively the opportunity to participate in and experience these activities within the unit is not outstanding. There are no unique or special features associated with the unit which would more so attract a visitor who is seeking a primitive and unconfined recreational experience. The unit is affected by a small portion of the Coyote Lakes Wild Horse Herd Management Areas. While a less common and interesting viewing experience, wild horses are not considered to be an outstanding primitive and unconfined recreational experience.

5. Does the unit have supplemental values?Yes No _____ N/A _____

Description: The unit and surrounding acreage is within the range of the kit fox, which is on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) list of threatened species. This areas vegetation is mainly a salt desert shrub type, a dryer zone than sagebrush, which kit fox inhabit.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: OR-036-025 -- Military Road

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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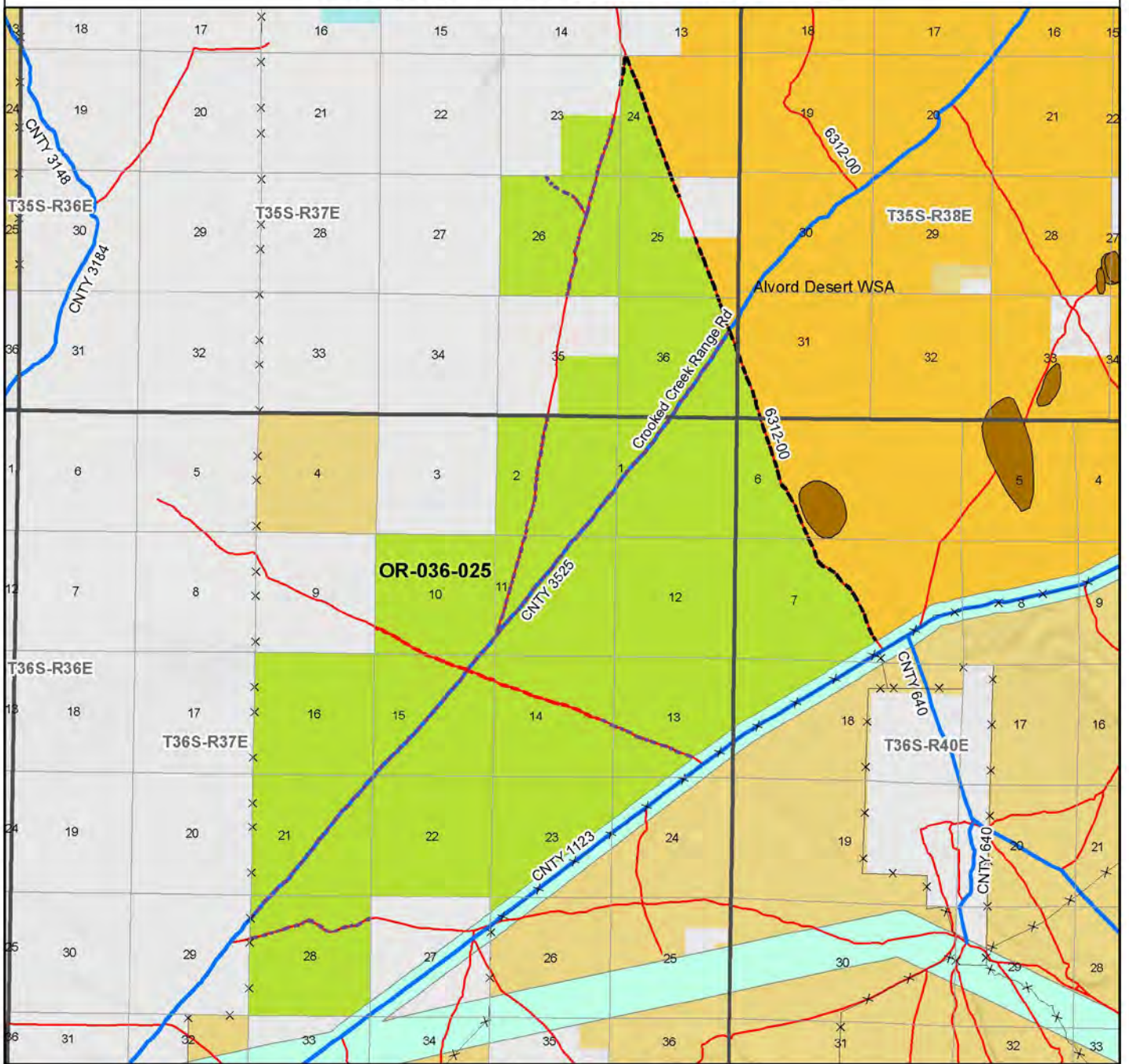
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This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.

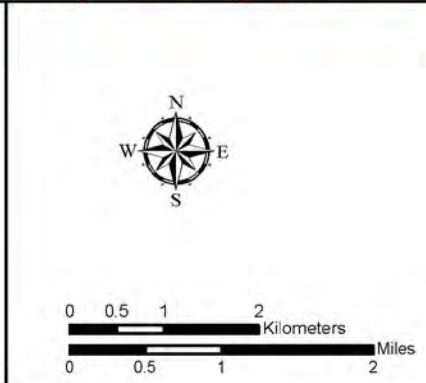
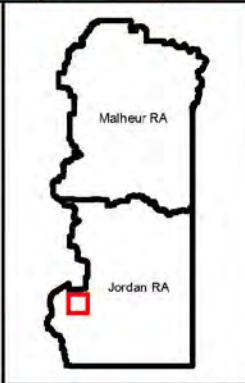
Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

Military Road - OR-036-025 - Map 1 of 1



Legend

Developed Spring	Route Types - BLM Determination
Wildlife Guzzler	Boundary Road
Eastern Reservoir	Motorized Primitive Trail (MPT)
Pipeline	Discontinued Use
Trough	Routes - Outside Wild Char Unit
Fence	County
Storage Tank	Major Highway
Surface Mining Disturbance	BLM Numbered & Other Routes
Sage Grouse Lek	Land Ownership
Special Status Plant	Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit	State
Wilderness Study Area	Private
Mineral Material Site	Other Federal Land
Road/Utility Right-of-Way	
Major Water Body	



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