MEMO

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To: Thomas Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Field Manager, Malheur Field Office, Vale

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From: Kari Points Outdoor Recreation Planner, Malheur Field Office, Vale District Subject: Lower Owyhee Canyon Contiguous Wilderness Characteristics Inventory

Unit (OR-034-115)

The memo serves as amended documentation regarding Vale District's wilderness characteristics inventory maintenance findings. This memo updates Lower Owyhee Canyon Contiguous unit inventory report to delete 2 parcels. These 2 parcels were acquired by land exchanged and are within (totally surrounded) by the existing Owyhee Breaks WSA and will be managed as previously addressed in the 2002 SEORMP ROD and consistent with BLM Manual 6330 until such time that they are designated or released by Congress.

SEORMP ROD - "Wilderness Study Areas - WSA's designated under authority of FLPMA sections 603 and 202, will be managed in accordance with the "Interim Management Policy for Land under Wilderness Review" (IMPLWR). Changes in WSA boundaries may be considered for inholdings and minor adjustments of adjacent land. This planning effort will not reopen the initial wilderness review mandated by section 603 of FLPMA, and it will not change existing decisions, signed by the Secretary of the Interior, to recommend areas as suitable for wilderness designation. (2002 BLM, pg. 13)

