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

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

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Year: 2018 Unit Number/Name: OR-034-116 — Honeycombs Contiguous

**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 X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, and if more than one unit is within the area, list the names of those units.):

**NOTE:** Relative to the present OR-034-116 wilderness characteristics inventory unit, only its east parcel was within the below documented inventory units of the late 1970's. Late in the 1970's inventory process – that is, at the time of WSA designation in November, 1980 – this east parcel was excluded from what was designated the Honeycombs WSA. OR-034-116's west parcel was never recognized as being administered by the BLM during the late 1970's BLM inventory. BLM review in 2017 of BLM land records confirmed that this parcel was withdrawn in 1925 and is managed by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and therefore not addressed further in this updated report.

**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- (X) 1978-1980 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Unit partially of 3-77 Honeycombs of OR-03-05-31 (unpublished BLM document in case files)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**

- (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)
- (X) 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)
- (X) 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 -- partially of 3-77 Honeycombs of OR-03-05-31

**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
- (X) Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map, March 1980, Oregon
- (X) Intensive Wilderness Inventory --Final Decisions Map, November 1980, Oregon
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**D.) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s)**

Vale District/Malheur 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.

<b>Unit#/Name</b>	<b>Size (historic acres)</b>	<b>Natural Condition? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Y/N</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Y/N</b>
Partially of 3-77A Honeycombs of OR-03-05-31	43,700*				
<b>TOTAL</b>	43,700				

\* -- Only a portion of this acreage constitutes the present OR-034-116 unit; and of the present OR-034-116 unit, only its east parcel (440 acres) was included in this late 1970’s unit. Also see “NOTE” under “1.”, above.

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

**Unit Number/Name:** OR-034-116 — Honeycombs Contiguous

**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 its location. The unit has a parcel that is 440 acres of public lands. The parcel was originally identified by BLM for the late 1970's wilderness characteristics (WC) inventory as part of the much larger 3-77 inventory unit. The east boundary of this present east parcel of OR-034-116 unit is BLM road 7306-0-00; the remainder of the parcel's boundary is the edge of a combined disc-drilled non-native bunchgrass seeding and a sage brush spray treatment. The BLM excluded this combined treatment area from being within the BLM late 1970's 3-77A inventory unit (and which in 1980 was designated by BLM as the Honeycombs WSA). Since then, the visual evidence of drill furrows and linear vegetative lines from the seeding has become visually obscure as viewed by the average visitor to the area. Thus, this east parcel is contiguous with the WSA. The parcel is contiguous with the Honeycombs WSA. The boundary road of the parcel is mechanically maintained as needed to provide for relatively regular and seasonally continuous use.

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

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** Vegetation of the parcels is predominately native and/or nonnative grasses and sagebrush. The west parcel's spatial density of sagebrush is greater than within the east parcel, with sagebrush in the east parcel being more so scattered –reflective of gradual natural propagation over time since the disc drilled grass seeding. Elevations in the east parcel are between 4,180 and 4,450 feet over slight to moderate east-facing down slopes to the parcel's east boundary (BLM road 7306-0-00).

Refer to the unit's associated Map 1 for human imprints. There are no human developments within the west parcel and the parcel is contiguous with the natural landscape appearance of the adjoining Honeycombs WSA. In the parcel there is one motorized primitive trail of 0.5 mile, and a 0.4 mile long buried water pipeline. There is presently no visual evidence remaining of a 1970 chemical treatment and 1970 disc drilled seeding within the parcel. With no longer any apparent visual contrast of the features associated with the vegetation treatments in the parcel. The unit is affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of humans being substantially

unnoticeable to the average visitor. This natural condition is further enhanced by the continuing natural condition of the contiguous WSA.

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

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** The parcel being of small acreage, does not provide for outstanding opportunities for solitude. However, being contiguous with the WSA which does possess outstanding opportunities for solitude, the unit in combination with the WSA takes on a continuum of landscape area which, overall, provides for outstanding opportunities for solitude.

**4. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** Being contiguous with the WSA, certain outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation associated with the WSA are also available within the parcel of this inventory unit in combination with the WSA. Examples include the hunting of bighorn sheep, a prized trophy hunting species, and a continuum of outstanding hiking opportunities with visually striking steep topography.

**5. Does the unit have supplemental values?**

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** The parcel is within a bighorn sheep habitat area. Two documented sites of Owyhee cover, a BLM special status plant species, are along the west and southwest boundaries of the parcel.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number: OR-034-116 — Honeycombs Contiguous**

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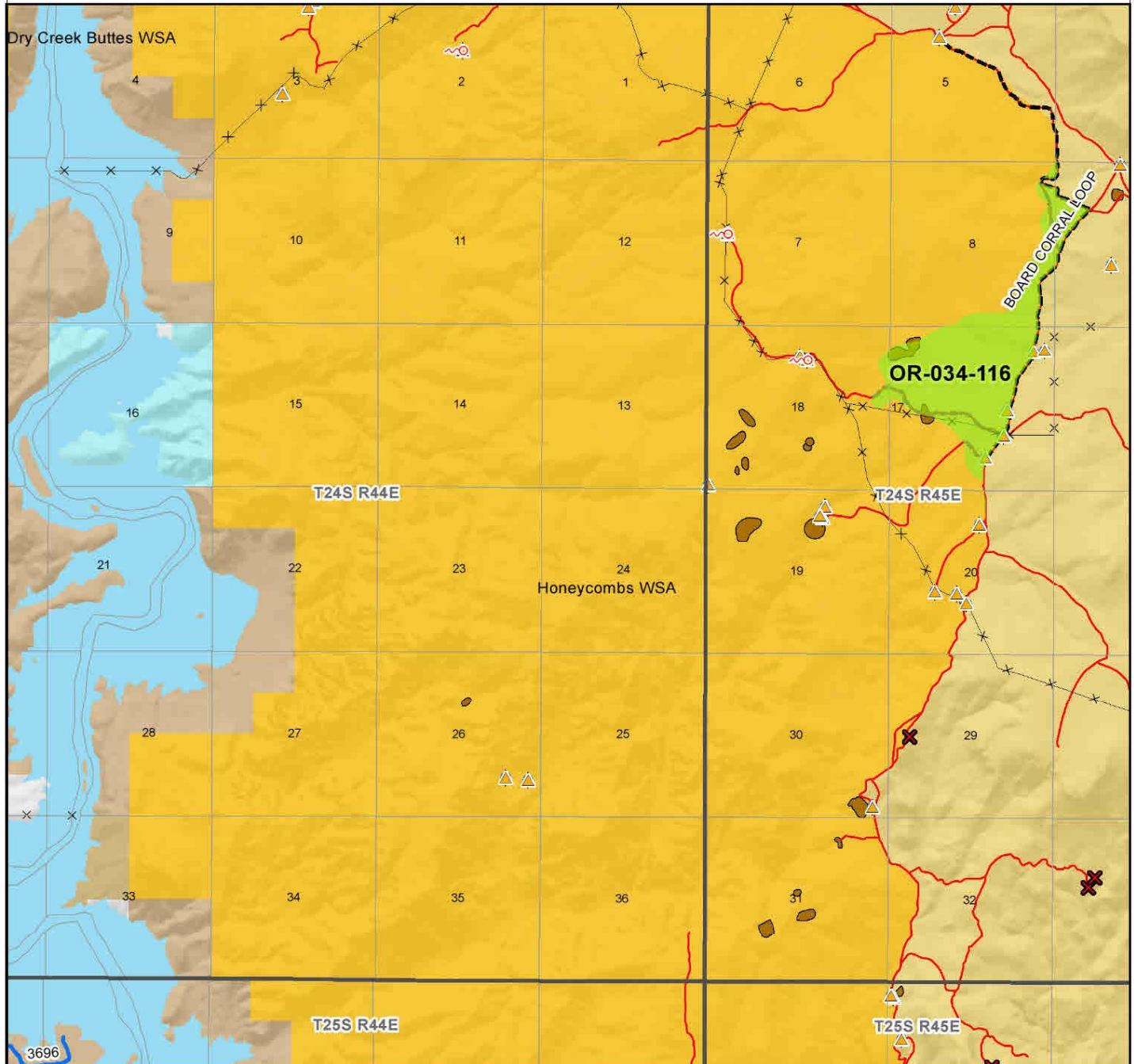
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*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.*



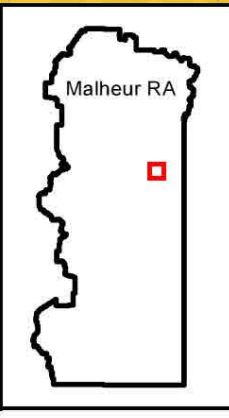
# Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

## Honeycomb Contiguous - OR-034-116 - Map 1 of 2



**Legend**

Developed Spring	Boundary Road
Wildlife Guzzler	Motorized Primitive Trail (MPT)
Earthen Reservoir	Discontinued Use
Trough	BLM Numbered & Other Routes
Fence	County
Storage Tank	Major Highway
Surface Mining Disturbance	BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit
Sage Grouse Lek	Wilderness Study Area
Special Status Plant	Mineral Material Site
BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit	Road/Utility Right-of-Way
Wilderness Study Area	Major Water Body
Mineral Material Site	
Road/Utility Right-of-Way	
Major Water Body	



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