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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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Document your findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness inventory. Document your findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, *etc.*

Year: 2010 Unit Number/Name: OR-036-089 -- Smiths Well

**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 – 1980 -- BLM Wilderness Inventory Unit 3-150 of OR-03-11-15 Dry Creek 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 Wilderness Inventory Unit 3-150 of OR-03-11-15 Dry Creek

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

- 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.
- November, 1981 *Stateline Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decision, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah* (tan document).

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
3-150 of OR-03-11-15 Dry Creek	6,700	N	*	*	*
TOTAL	6,700				

* These criteria were not addressed during the inventory of this unit.

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FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name – OR-036-089 -- Smiths Well

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 No

Description: Refer to this inventory unit's associated Map 1 for its location. The 5,222 acre unit was included as part of the original BLM unit 3-150 of OR-03-11-15 Dry Creek of the latter 1970's meeting the size criteria. Acreage for unit OR-036-089 in Form 2 is calculated from BLM GIS information. The 1478 acre difference from Form 1 occurs because the unit was determined by the current inventory to have a new boundary on the northeast side. Because of wildland range fires and rangeland rehabilitation of these areas over the past thirty years the existing motorized trail in the 1970's inventory has been graded and mechanically maintained to be reclassified as a road and now qualifies as a boundary for the new unit. The unit boundary consists of BLM road 6378-0-0A0 and a road segment along the northwest side, BLM road 6378-0-00 and a road segment along the southern side, and a BLM non-numbered road along the northeast side. 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 N/A

Description: The majority of the unit consists of flat to rolling open sagebrush plains in the northern two-thirds while the remaining portion consists of dissected terraces. The majority of the unit gently slopes to the south and drainages into Dry Creek along its southern boundary. The remaining few drainages located along the northwest boundary flow northward into Crooked Creek. Most of the unit has received vegetation treatments or rehabilitation from wildland fires throughout the past four decades. Vegetation within the unit consists mainly of nonnative crested wheat grass while the remaining undisturbed areas consist of big sagebrush and native grasses. Elevations range from 3,729 to 3,919 feet.

Refer to this inventory unit's associated Map 1 and Map 2 for its human developments. Human imprints within the unit include 2.2 miles of 3 motorized primitive trails, 7.4 miles of fence line, 1.6 miles of 3 pipeline systems with 9 troughs, and remnant visual evidence of 11 vegetation manipulation projects (implemented 1965-2006) that create linear contrast of vegetation species throughout the larger portion of the unit. Vegetation

treatments numbers include both the vegetation alteration treatment and the reseeding operation to rehabilitate the vegetation alteration.

Because of the number of intrusions, their proximity to each other, and the lack of topographic and vegetative screening, the works of man are substantially noticeable. Overall, the area appears to be primarily affected by the influences of man with the imprint of humans noticeable to the average visitor. Unit OR-036-089 does not appear natural to the average visitor.

3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _____ No N/A _____

Description: Unit OR-036-089 is an irregular triangular shape approximately 5.0 miles across its widest point along the southern boundary and comes to a point in the north of about 0.5 miles in width that extends northward for another 0.8 miles. The northwest and northeast boundary sides of the unit are each about 3.5 miles in length. The majority of the unit consists of flat to rolling open sagebrush plains in the northern two-thirds while the remaining portion consists of dissected terraces. The area containing the dissected terraces provides the majority of variation in topographic relief in the unit. These terraces rise about 100 feet above the Dry Creek drainage to the south. Topographic relief is minimal within the unit with elevations ranging from about 3,729 feet mean sea level (msl) at the southwest point of the triangle, rising to 3,919 feet msl along the north boundary tip. The unit's shape combined with the lack of both vegetative screening and sufficient topographic diversity, precludes outstanding opportunities for solitude. BLM concludes that unit OR-036-089 does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

Yes _____ No N/A _____

Description: The dominant dispersed recreation activity is hunting of upland and big game species (deer and chukar); associated horseback riding and hiking occurs. Dispersed rockhounding for snake agate occasionally occurs near its northern boundary. 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. Unit OR-036-089 does not possess outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

5. Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No N/A _____

Description:

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: OR-036-089 -- Smiths Well

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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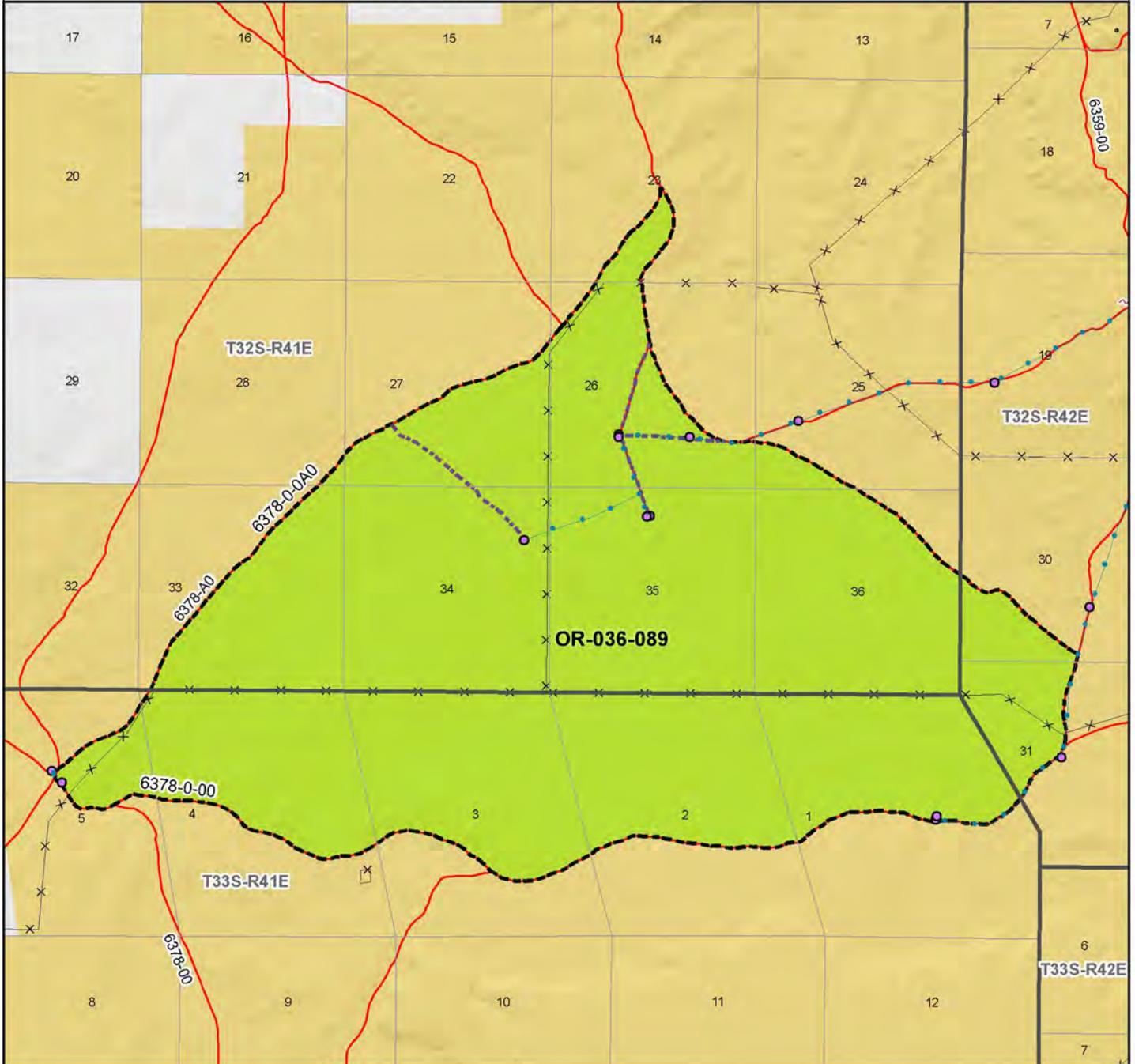
Approved by:

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 Carolyn Freeborn, Jordan Resource Area Field Manager Date

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.

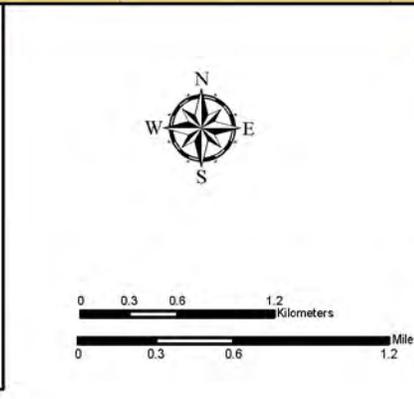
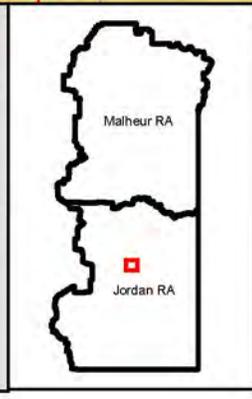
Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

Smith Well - OR-036-089 - Map 1 of 2



Legend

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Spring Wildlife Guzzler Earthen Reservoir Pipeline Trough Fence Storage Tank Surface Mining Disturbance Sage Grouse Lek Special Status Plant BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit Wilderness Study Area Mineral Material Site Road/Utility Right-of-Way Major Water Body 	<p>Route Types - BLM Determination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Road Motorized Primitive Trail (MPT) Discontinued Use <p>Routes - Outside Wild Char Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Major Highway BLM Numbered & Other Routes <p>Land Ownership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureau of Land Management State Private Other Federal Land
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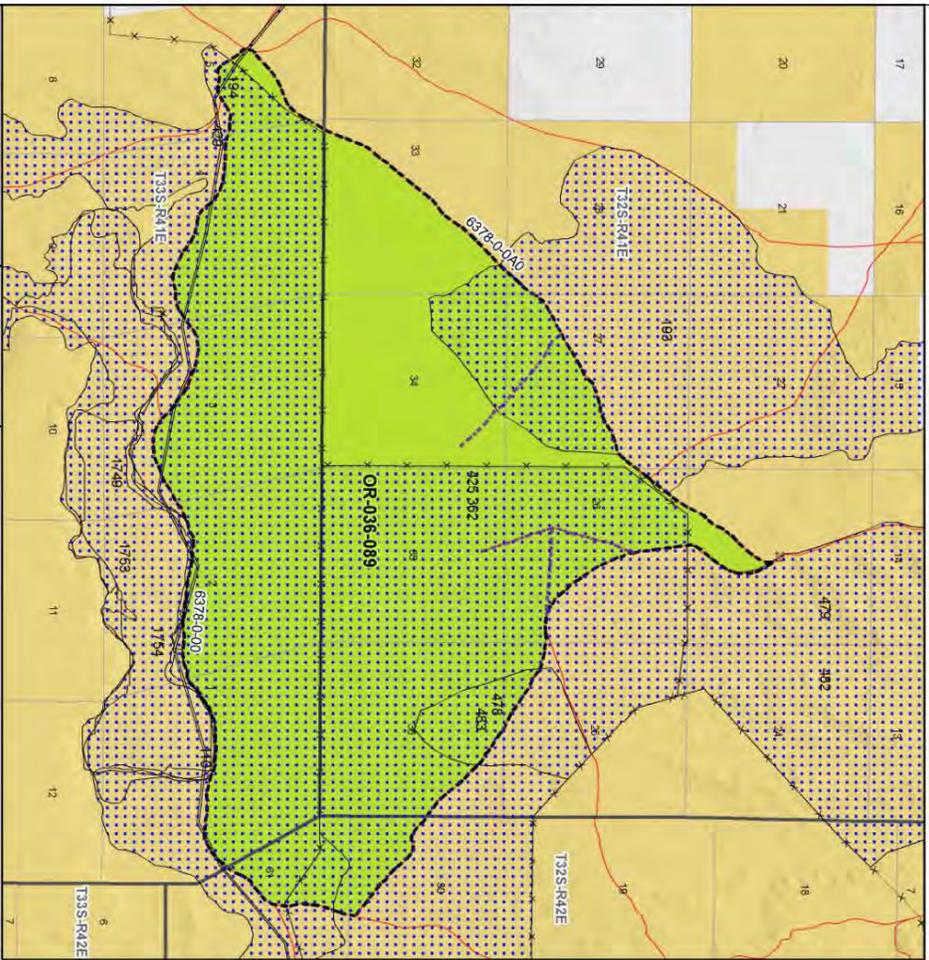
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Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments
Smith Butte - OR-036-094 - Map 2 of 2



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Land Treatment - S&L Designation

- ROMIEWU
- DRY CR SDG
- CHINA GULCH SDG 2
- DRY CR SDG

Other Symbols

- Boundary
- Water
- Highway
- Railroad
- Power Line
- Other

Scale

0 0.25 0.5 1 Kilometers

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OBJECTID*	NAME	TREATMENT TYPE	SEED GROUP	DATE
110	ROMIEWU	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	20060701
193	DRY CR REHAB	Drill Seeding	Non-native Grasses	1976
194	DRY CR SDG	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1986
362	CHINA GULCH SDG 2	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1965
425	CHINA GULCH SDG 2	Drill Seeding	A mix of non-native grasses	1985
429	DRY CR SDG	Drill Seeding	A mix of non-native grasses	1986
478	WIL.O-CHINA G-BOGUS L-WIRE CRL ES	Drill Seeding	Combination	1996
479	WIL.O-CHINA G-BOGUS L-WIRE CRL ES	Drill Seeding	Combination	1996
482	WIL.O-CHINA G-BOGUS L-WIRE CRL ES	Aerial Seeding	Combination	1996
483	WIL.O-CHINA G-BOGUS L-WIRE CRL ES	Aerial Seeding	Combination	1996
1749	JACKIES BUTTE ESR	Aerial Seeding	Unknown	20020301
1753	HARDN TWO	Drill Seeding	Unknown	20020305
1754	JACKIES BUTTE CULTPAK	Cultipack	Not Applicable	20020305

Note: The Land Treatments represented by navy 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.