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?

   No _______ Yes _______ X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):
   a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Review Intensive Inventory, March 1980
   b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Otis Mountain 2-15 L
   c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): March 1980 Map
   d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District – Three Rivers 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):

   Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics:
   Inventory Source: Wilderness Review Intensive Inventory, March 1980

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<th>Unit#/Name</th>
<th>Size (historic acres)</th>
<th>Natural Condition? Y/N</th>
<th>Outstanding Solitude? Y/N</th>
<th>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Y/N</th>
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3. Any citizen provided information: No
DOCUMEN TATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: Birch Creek

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No __________

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check “Yes” and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check “No” above, check “N/A” (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary.]

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

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Unit Description: This unit is approximately eight miles north of Drewsey in Harney County. Major features of this unit include Otis Mountain and Birch Creek. The unit is dominated by a ridge running through the center, with Birch Creek to the east. Otis Mountain is at the north end of this ridge. Elevations range from 4,000 to almost 6,100 feet. Common vegetation includes grasses, big and low sagebrush, juniper, mountain mahogany, ponderosa pine.

Unit Size: 10,826 acres – the size of the unit increased from the original inventory unit due to the addition of another unit that did not meet the 5,000 acre criteria being added because the route separating them is no longer identified as a boundary road.

Unit Boundaries: Boundaries to the north and east are well established roads that are occasionally maintained when necessary and provide for regular and continuous use. Private ownership is the boundary to the west and south.
(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?
Yes X No N/A

Description: Since the 1980 report was issued, the radio facility was removed and there has been approximately 0.25 miles of Aspen protection fence added and several new water and fencing developments. There have also been juniper removal treatments. However, these changes along with the other developments currently present are still not substantially noticeable in the unit as whole. Below is a summary of known developments or treatments in the unit:

Water Developments: 14 reservoirs, 1 waterhole, 2 dugouts, 1 spring
Fencing: 21 miles
Primitive Routes: 18 miles
Constructed Stock Trail: 2 miles
Juniper cuts: 72 acres
Ponderosa Pine pre-commercial thinnings: 255 acres

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes X No N/A

Description: The unit does have some vegetative and topographic screening, but not to the extent that there is an outstanding opportunity for solitude present.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?
Yes X No N/A

Description: Hunting is the only activity that is likely to occur on a regular basis within the unit. There are no unique or unusual qualities associated with this activity in the unit. No other potential recreation activities for which the unit would provide outstanding recreational opportunities were identified.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?
Yes X No N/A

Description: Unit continues to provide important winter range and migratory habitat for deer. Two cultural resource sites have also been identified since 1980.
Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Birch Creek (Unit 2-15L)

Summary
Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? _X_ Yes ___ No

2. Does the area appear to be natural? _X_ Yes ___ No

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ___ Yes _X_ No ___ NA

4. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude? ___ Yes _X_ No ___ NA

5. Does the area have supplemental values? _X_ Yes ___ No ___ NA

Conclusion
Check One:

____ The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character.

__X__ The area does not have wilderness character.

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