## WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON (Source: Oregon State Office Internal Guidance as of July 2007)

#### Year: 2010 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Dusenbury Lake

## 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 X Yes (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Review; Intensive Inventory, Oregon &</u> Washington, March, 1980, pages 169-172.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>The area that has been inventoried</u> was part of a unit in 1977 that was numbered OR-020-02-33. It was recommended and approved at that time that the area did not warrant intensive inventory due to the size.

- c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): BLM Intensive Wilderness Inventory; Oregon; March, 1980.
- d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District, Oregon; Three Rivers Field Office
- 2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Primitive &	Supplemental Values? Y/N
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## FORM 2 - DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: Dusenbury Lake

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Current Unit Acres:	6309	Yes	X	No	18

<u>Citizen Information Received:</u> The BLM received GIS data from Oregon Natural Desert Assoc. (ONDA) for a proposed Buzzard Creek WSA in September, 2007. More information including a narrative report, maps, photographs and route logs was received in May, 2008. This proposed area is adjacent to the Dusenbury Lake Unit and information from their report was considered in making determinations about the Unit.

**BLM's Boundary Road Determination Process:** BLM conducted an analysis of routes in the West Warm Springs Unit, which entailed field visits to verify the mechanical/tool construction of the routes and their current condition in August, 2009. During this inventory, conditions of roads in the Dusenbury Lake Unit were recorded to determine where boundaries were located. All the boundary roads are part of BLM's current transportation system as identified in BLM's Facility Asset Management System database.

#### Current Unit Boundaries: (See BLM Unit Character Map):

Based on current field checks and the knowledge of the area, BLM identified the Wilderness Inventory Maintenance (WIM) unit boundaries listed below. The roads have been mechanically constructed and improved or maintained at some time in the past. The roads are currently in useable condition for Bureau personnel, grazing permittees and other publics using pickup trucks and SUV's, including 4-wheel drive vehicles, to access the Wilderness Inventory Unit. These roads will be maintained in the future as needed.

Vehicle use occurs on a relatively regular basis. The grazing permittee utilizes the routes to manage livestock operations, including releasing and gathering cattle, distributing salt and mineral blocks and checking and maintaining range developments. BLM personnel use the routes for monitoring wildlife, botanical and range values and condition, constructing, maintaining and checking human developments and installations, wildfire suppression, and recreation use. Most public use is associated with hunting, camping and recreation use in late summer and fall.

N. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-00 Dusenbury Lake Road ONDA Photo Points: None BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-9, CL-11,

E. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-00, Dusenbury Lake Road ONDA Photo Points: None BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-12, CL-13

S. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-A0 Power Line Road ONDA Photo Points: None BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-15, CL-16, CL-17, CL-21, CL-30

## W. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-C0, Hole in the Ground Road ONDA Photos: None BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-18, CL-19, CL-20, CL-21

Where an inventory unit is bounded by a road or other linear feature that is authorized by an existing right-of-way, the legal right-of-way boundary rather than the feature itself shall be deemed the wilderness inventory unit boundary.

The following BLM photo references show examples of current road conditions in the DusenburyLake Unit. There are also other BLM photos on file for this unit.

CL-17 shows the south boundary road going southwest up through Coyote Rim. There is a distinct cut in the hillside on the north side of the road. This road was constructed in the early 1980's during the power line construction. The road is easily passable by low clearance vehicles and currently does not require maintenance.

CL-20 shows the Hole in the Ground road about mid way along the west boundary of the unit. There is noticeable a dirt and rock berm on the east side of the road. The road is easily passable by low clearance vehicles and currently does not require maintenance.

CL-13 shows the Dusenbury Lake Road at the northern end of the east boundary road. A distinct, constructed berm of rock and dirt is present on the east side of the road. The road is easily passable by low clearance vehicles and currently does not require maintenance.

CL-9 shows the north boundary road as it travels east. A mostly rock berm that was pushed up during construction is still present on the north side of the road. The road is rough but passable.

#### (2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No N/A

**Current Condition Description:** The large 500KV power line that traverses the southern boundary of the unit has an immediate impact on the sense of naturalness. The two fences that cross the unit from north to south are only noticeable from a couple of locations. Much of the crested wheatgrass seeding has had sagebrush reestablish and appears natural. The brush beatings are also becoming reestablished with sagebrush and are noticeable only at close proximity to them.

The unit currently has the following developments (See Unit Character Map):

Fences: 9 miles Reservoirs: 1 Seedings: 1078 acres Boundary roads: 12.7 miles Non-boundary roads: 0.5 miles Pipelines: 0 miles Wells: 0 Troughs: 0 Waterholes: 1 Brushbeat: 327 acres

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_X \_\_ N/A\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** This unit has very little topographic screening due to an elevation difference of less than 200 feet from one side of the unit to the other. While this is not uncommon in certain WSA's, the small size of the unit makes to difficult to experience solitude. Another factor reducing opportunities for solitude is the lack of any trees or structural vegetation to provide screening. Almost all of the unit can be seen from any part of the unit.

Therefore, the unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude.

# (4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_X \_\_\_ N/A\_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** Activities associated with area include hunting for antelope and deer, sightseeing, hiking and wildlife viewing. None are outstanding. Big game (deer and antelope,) numbers have diminished in the last fifteen to twenty years in this particular area of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Juniper hunting unit, so wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities are less.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_X N/A \_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** No inventories for species of concern, except sage grouse have been conducted in the unit at this time. There may be habitat for, and the presence of, the pygmy rabbit and burrowing owl in the unit's lower-elevation, open, sagebrush-covered areas. There are no known sage-grouse leks in this unit.

### Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Dusenbury Lake

Summary Results of Analysis:

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

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

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

\_\_\_ Yes X No NA 4. Does the area have supplemental values?

#### **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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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 1610.5-2.02

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