

**WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

Year: 2008

Current Inventory Unit Number/Name: Round Top Butte Unit (5-65A)

**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 Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Page 376-377

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Round Mountain Unit (5-65A)

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): November 1980 Map

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District – Three Rivers Resource Area and Prineville District - Central Oregon Resource Area

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: Wilderness Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Page 376-377

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
5-65A	16,065	Y	N	N	N

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

Unit Number/Name: Round Top Butte Unit (5-65A)

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Current Unit Acres: 18,057 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 the Current Conditions: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities). See Attachment 1 for the definition of key terms.

Citizen Information Received: None.

Boundary Road Determination Process: In updating wilderness inventory information for this BLM unit, several resource staff familiar with the area helped identify routes which would meet the boundary road criteria.

Many of the interior routes not identified as boundary roads may have been mechanically improved or maintained at some point and may be maintained in the future as needed. Most are in a useable condition, but currently they may not receive relatively regular use, so they were not identified as boundary roads.

Boundary changes since 1980: The boundaries for the current Round Top Butte Unit appear to be similar to those identified for Unit 5-65A (See Unit Boundary Map). Changes included identifying developed rights-of-way for powerlines as boundaries where present. Most of these powerlines are close to what were originally identified as boundary roads. One of the original boundary roads is now identified as an interior non-boundary route. One non-federal land inholding that existing 1980 is now BLM land. These changes made the unit slightly larger.

Current Unit Boundaries:

Northern Boundary: A right-of-way with a developed power line – a duplicate of lines is shown due to overlapping data from BLM and Harney County Electric Company, however only one line is present.

Eastern Boundary: A right-of-way with a developed power line (similar line duplication), Bushwell Road, Anderl Place Road and private land

Southern Boundary: Hay Lake/Deep Valley Road and private land

Western Boundary: Obsidian Road, Sinks of Lost Creek Road and private land

ID-team members familiar with the area confirmed that these roads have been mechanically improved or maintained at some point, they are currently in a useable condition. These roads would be maintained in the future as needed and do receive relatively regular use primarily in the late spring, summer and fall. Road uses by grazing permittees include motorized access for monitoring and managing cattle, salting and checking and maintaining range improvements. Use by BLM staff includes motorized access for wildfire suppression, maintaining range improvements, monitoring cattle and rangeland/resource conditions and other resource management activities. Use by the public is primarily associated with recreational activities.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No N/A

1980 Unit Description: 1980 Inventory Report described this unit being 13 miles southeast of the community of Hampton. Round Mountain is the most prominent topographic feature and is located in the northwestern portion of the unit and includes several smaller foothills and ravines. Common vegetation in this portion of the unit consists of denser western juniper, big sagebrush, green rabbitbrush, bluebunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue. The rest of the unit is dominated by low rolling hills and desert plains. A dry river bed runs east-west in the mid portion of the unit. Common vegetation in this portion of the unit consists of scattered western juniper, big sagebrush, green rabbitbrush, bluebunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue. Though several developments such as powerlines, ways, water developments, fencing and seedings were found to be present, the majority of the unit was found to have the appearance of being affected primarily by the forces of nature and was found to be natural.

Current Condition Description: The primary human uses in the unit and the surrounding area are associated with livestock grazing and recreation by the public. Since the 1980 report was issued, one new water trough and two new low impact water guzzlers for wildlife with buried tanks were installed. A wildfire in July of 2007 burned approximately 1,605 acres within the unit, killing some of the brush and juniper trees (See Unit Character Map). Approximately 156 acres of the burned area in the unit were seeded as part of the emergency stabilization effort. Current BLM data indicates that the following developments exist:

Water Developments: 2 Reservoirs and 2 Wildlife Guzzlers

Fencing: 12.36 miles

Corral: 1

Non-Boundary Routes: 25 miles

The most concentrated area of developments is in the northwestern portion of the unit. In the remainder of the unit, developments are fairly well distributed. Overall, the team found that the imprints of human activities were not substantially noticeable and the unit still has naturalness.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 Inventory Report described this unit as not having outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the lack of topographic relief and vegetative screening preventing a visitor from avoiding the sights and sounds of other people within the subunit

Current Condition Description: Over 1,600 acres including a good portion of Round Top Butte (Round Mountain) was burned over by wildfire in 2007 (See Unit Character Map) further reducing vegetative screening in the unit. The ID-team did not identify any new information that would change the 1980 finding.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 Inventory Report described this unit as offering opportunities for hiking, camping, sightseeing and photography. None of these opportunities could be experienced in an outstanding manner because the topography, vegetation, and wildlife are not diverse. The only unique points of interest are the scattered clusters of obsidian. Practically all of the obsidian locations contain ways.

Current Condition Description: The ID-team also identified some big game hunting as an additional recreation opportunity. BLM finds that recreation opportunities present are not unique and do not present characteristics either individually or collectively that would result in these recreation activities being outstanding within the unit.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

1980 Unit Description: The 1980 Inventory Report described this unit having obsidian historically used by Indians and collected by the public today as a supplemental value.

Current Condition Description: The ID-team also identified the unit as providing important habitat for the Greater sage-grouse, a BLM Sensitive Species.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Round Top Butte Unit (5-65A)

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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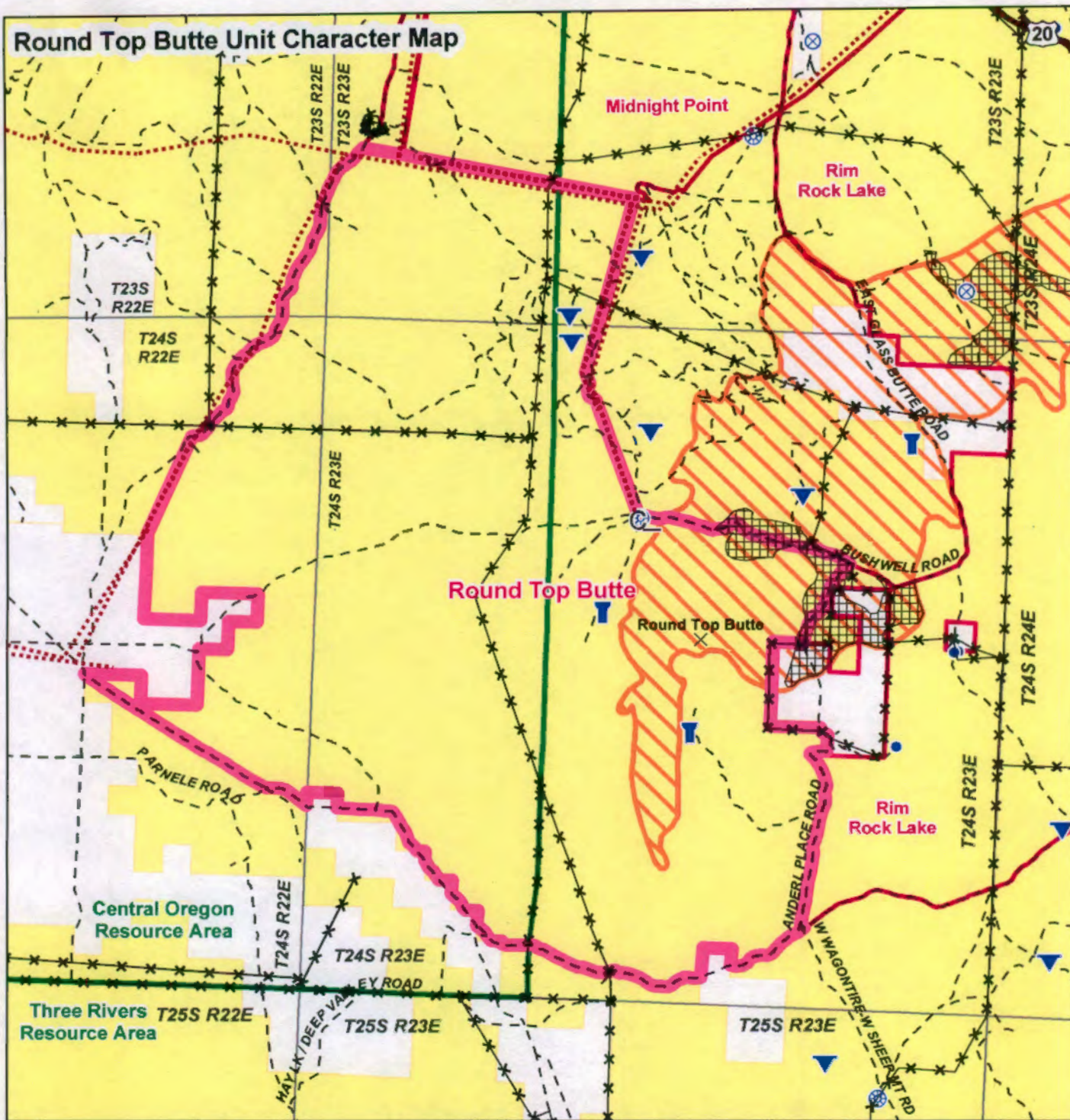
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Round Top Butte Unit Character Map



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| Powerline | GUZZLER | — Paved Road |
| × × × FENCE | POND | - - - Non-Paved Road |
| — — PIPELINE | RESERVOIR | Round Top Butte Unit |
| SEED | TROUGH | Adjacent Units |
| CATTLE GRD | WATERHOLE | 2007 Wildfires |
| CORRAL | WELL | Resource Area Boundary |
| DUGOUT | | Bureau of Land Management |
| | | Private |

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