2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-009/ Mitchell Landing Strip
Inventory Unit

1. Previous BLM wilderness inventory?
No ___ X__ Yes ______ Partial _______

a) Inventory Source: _______ N/A __________

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): N/A

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _______ N/A __________

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _______ N/A __________

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Note: This area was included in the Sutton Mountain Roadless Area review completed by the Central Oregon Resource Area, Prineville District BLM, in 1994. It was dropped from further review at that time, and was not carried forward to a wilderness inventory process.

2. New Wilderness Characteristic Review

Private Recommendation: Yes _____ No ___ X__ By? __________ Date __________

Results of BLM Analysis: (separate by subunit if appropriate)

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Conclusion
Check One:

__X__ Area reviewed lacks sufficient size and does not meet one of the exceptions for small size.

_____ The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness character.

_____ The area does not have wilderness character.

(1) Describe current conditions: (Include boundary features, land ownership, size, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

The unit is located in Wheeler County, Oregon, north of US Highway 26, approximately 2 miles northwest of the town of Mitchell. The unit is bordered on the north by a graveled BLM-maintained road (The Old Logging Road – BLM Road #7548), on the west by private land, on the south by US Highway 26, and on the east by Oregon State Route 207. The Old Logging Road begins in T 11 S., R 21 E., Section 21 and travels east 3.75 miles to its terminus at Highway 207 in T 11 S., R 21 E., and Section 24. This unit is 1967 acres.

Location of Unit: Portions of or all public lands in T. 11 S., R. 21 E., Sections 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 35.

The Old Logging Road separates the Mitchell Landing Strip unit from Sutton Mountain WSA. At 1,967 acres in size, the Mitchell Landing Strip unit lacks sufficient size to be considered as wilderness, and does not meet one of the exceptions for small size.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?
Yes ______  No ______  NA ______
Describe:

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes ______  No ______  NA ______
Description:

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?
Yes ______  No ______  NA ______
Description:

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?
Yes ______  No ______  N/A ______
Description:
OR-054-009/ Mitchell Landing Strip

Prepared by:
Team Members: (Names, Titles, Date)

Initial Review Aug. 14, 2007 by: Heidi Mottl (Recreation/Wilderness), Teal Purrington (NEPA/Planning), Dorothy Thomas (GIS), Anna Smith (Hydrology), Mike Tietmeyer (Range), Dan Tippy (Assistant Field Manager), Rick Demmer (Riparian), Monte Kuk (Wildlife), Robert Vidourek (Forestry), Mike Williams (Planning), Berry Phelps (Recreation), Craig Obermiller (Range), John Morris (Fish), Dana Cork (Transportation), Christina M. Welch (Field Manager), Don Tschida (Fire), Gavin Hoban (GIS), John Zancanella (Cultural), JoAnne Armson (Plants).

Realty/Mineral Records researched by Timothy Finger, BLM Wilderness Specialist on detail from Richland, UT, October, 2008.

Approved by:

[Signature]
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.
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PURPOSE:

This addendum provides signatory authority across gaps in supervisory oversight in the preparation process.

DISCUSSION:

Further study has been conducted to validate the findings approved by the original signator, Christina Welch. As the new Field Manager for the Resource Area and Ms. Welch's replacement I have been briefed by the specialists assigned on the contents and underlying rationale for the findings contained in this document. I approve these findings with my signature below.

APPROVED BY:

[Signature]

Thursday, July 08, 2010
John Day Basin RMP Road Analysis Form

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Mitchell Landing Strip/ OR-054-009

Route Name and/or Identifier: Old Logging Road/ BLM Road # 7548

I. LOCATION: Please refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). Route begins in T 11 S., R 21 E., Section 21 and which runs east to its terminus at Highway 207 in T 11 S., R 21 E., Section 24.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE: This route provides recreation access to public lands, administrative access to BLM and access to an Oregon State University fire/vegetative research plot.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:
Yes ___ No ___ X ___ Unknown _____

IV. CONSTRUCTION
Yes ___ X ___ No _______

Examples:
Paved _______ Bladed ___ X ___ Graveled ___ X ___ Roadside Berms ___ X ___
Cut/Fill ___ X ___ Other _________

V. IMPROVEMENTS
Yes ___ X ___ No _______

By Hand Tools______ By Machine ___ X ___
Culverts ______ Stream Crossings ____ Bridges ___ Drainage ___ X ___ Barriers ______ Other ___ X ___ (2) Cattle Guards

VI. MAINTENANCE:

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A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes ____ X ____ No ________

Hand Tools ____ (Y/N)____ Machine ____ (Y/N)____

Explain: Is the route scheduled to receive maintenance? Yes. See BLM FAMS data in reference section.

B. If route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?
Yes ____ X ____ No ____ N/A ____

Comments: ________________________________________________

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes ____ X ____ No ________

VIII. CONCLUSION:
To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes ____ X ____ No ________

Explanation: This is a well-used, constructed, historical route that used to be the haul road for the Hudspeth Mill west of Mitchell. It probably would have a valid RS2477 claim.

Evaluator(s): __________________ Date: __9/30/07________

* road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

  a. “Improved and maintained” – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

  b. “Mechanical means” – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

  c. “Relatively regular and continuous use” – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.
REFERENCES

1. **Realty program**
   a. Master Title Plats
      T. 11 S., R 21 E.

2. **Mineral Program**
   a. BLM Oil and Gas Leases (9/5/2001)
   b. BLM LR 2000 data program

3. **GIS Program**
   - USGS National Map project
   - BLM GIS data
   - BLM Lower John Day River public lands map, June 1991

**Team Comments – 8/14/07:**
Tippy—There is a small roaded area with an airstrip, a county landfill transfer station, a rock pit and an OSU research plot.
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- **DO Priority:** 2
- **Grade:** x
- **Pull Ditches:** x
- **Cut Brush:** x
- **Clean Culverts:** x
- **Cattle Guards:** x
- **Last Maint:** 2007 place aggregate - 2450 CY

**Other Notes:**
- Install roll di & double culverts
- 3/26 mi
- FAIR
- 10 x
- 8 x
- *install roll di & double culverts
- 9.65 miles
- Upto Priv. Prop. T23-R22-535