

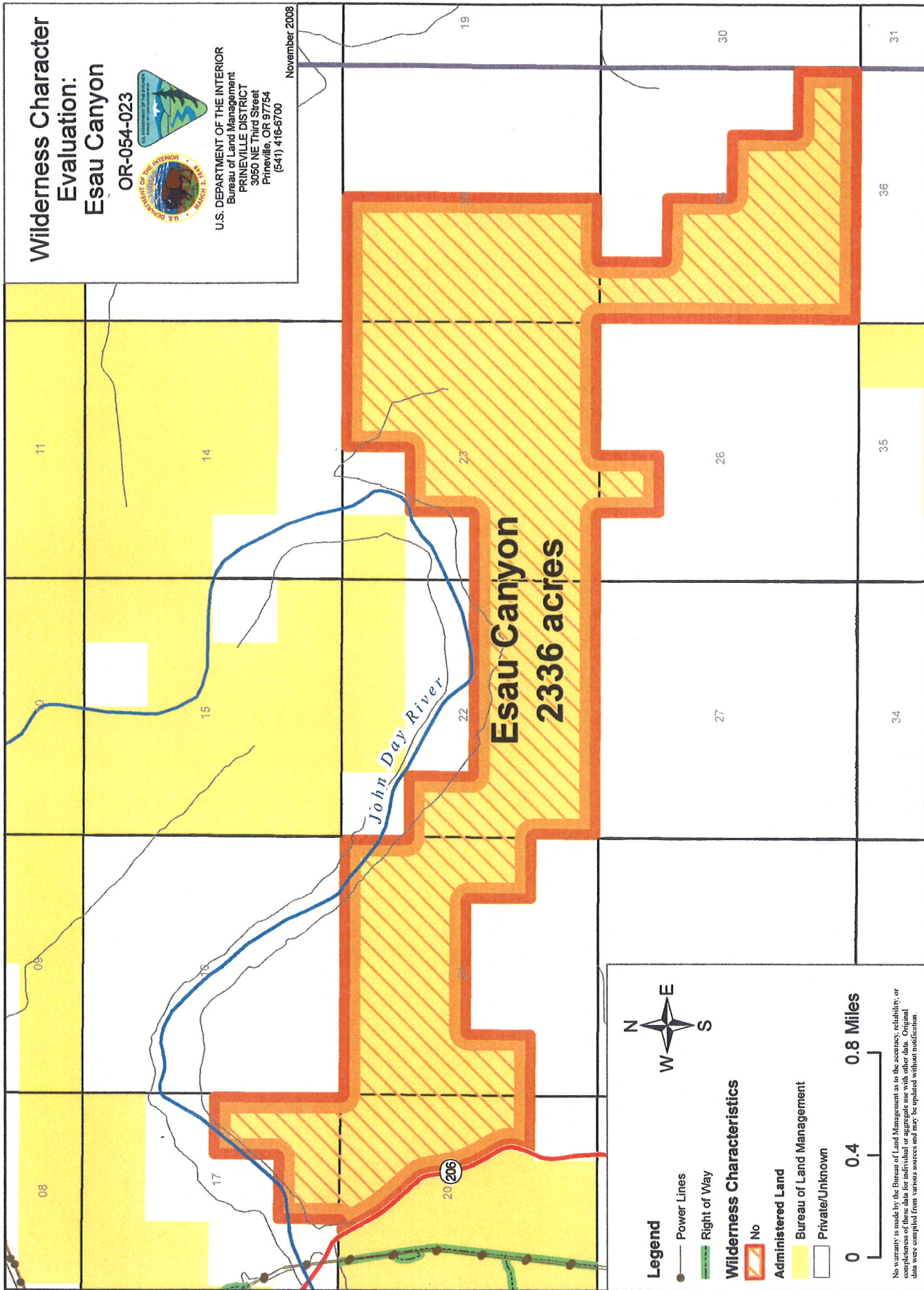
Wilderness Character Evaluation: Esau Canyon

OR-054-023



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Esau Canyon
2336 acres

John Day River



Legend

Power Lines

Right of Way

Wilderness Characteristics

No

Administered Land

Bureau of Land Management

Private/Unknown

0 0.4 0.8 Miles

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R 19 E

T 01 S

2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-023/ Esau Canyon Inventory Unit

1. Previous BLM wilderness inventory?

No ☒ 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

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. New Wilderness Characteristic Review

Private Recommendation: Yes _____ No ☒ by? _____ Date _____

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

Unit#/Name	Size (acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N/NA	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N/NA	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N/NA	Supplemental Values? Y/N/NA
OR-054-023 Esau Canyon	2,336	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Conclusion
Check One:

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 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 inventory unit is located in Gilliam County, Oregon, approximately 14 miles southeast of the town of Wasco. The unit is bordered on the west by paved State Highway 206, and bordered on the remaining sides by private land. At 2,336 acres, this unit lacks sufficient size to be considered as wilderness, and does not meet one of the exceptions for small size.

Location of Unit: Portions or all public lands located in T. 1 S., R. 19 E., Sections 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No NA X

Describe:

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

Yes No NA X

Description:

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

Yes No NA X

Description:

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes No NA X

Description:

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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:

Christina M. Welch
Field Manager

Oct. 31, 2007
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 Manger 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

REFERENCES

1. **Realty program**

- a. Master Title Plats
T. 1 S., R. 19 E.
- b. Case Files: Highway ROW (TD 032340).
- c. Executive Order 11/24/1916

2. **Mineral Program**

Oil and Gas Lease Sales Report
BLM LR 2000 program

3. **GIS Program**

USGS National Map project
BLM GIS data
BLM Lower John Day River public lands map, June 1991

The BLM has identified the following man-made features:

There is a mineral material sale site (OR 02126) located in T. 1 S., R. 19 E., Section 20.
There is a 100 foot wide Highway ROW (TD 032340) for Highway 206, located in T. 1 S., R. 19 E., Section 20, which forms the western boundary of the unit.
There is an Executive Order (11/24/1916) establishing several areas of the unit as a potential power site reserve.
The lands have been leased for potential Oil and Gas development.

Team Comments – 8/14/07:

Welch- There is a checkerboard of private in-holdings.

Obermiller- There is a big road through the middle of it (State Hwy 206)

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Phelps- State highway is boundary so that lands to North and East are too small. Other boundary is public land ownership. It has an irregular size and shape.

Tippy- Has agricultural field along river.

Demmer- Area has *Texus sporium*, a threatened lichen

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