

2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-031/ Black Canyon Wilderness **Addition Inventory Unit**

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a) Inventory	Source:	N/A			
b) Inventory	Unit Name	e(s)/Number(s):	N/A		
c) Map Name	e(s)/Numb	er(s) <u>N/A</u>			
d) BLM Distr	rict(s)/Fiel	d Office(s):	N/A	_	
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Private Recommendation: Yes_____No_X___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- 031 Black Canyon Wilderness Addition	1,106	Yes	No	No	Yes

Conclusion Check One:
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.
X_ 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 Grant County, Oregon, south of U.S. Highway 26, approximately 10 miles south of the town of Dayville. This unit is bordered on the west side by a combination of USFS Black Canyon Wilderness Area (1/4 mile interface), general management USFS lands, and private lands. The east side is bordered by BLM-maintained gravel road (#6207 South Fork John Day Road) and private land. The south side is bordered by private land and the north side by a combination of private land and the BLM-maintained gravel road (#6207 South Fork John Day Road). The road is a designated Backcountry Byway. The unit includes approximately 2 miles of the South Fork John Day River, which is designated as a Wild and Scenic River by Act of Congress. The unit includes portions of the public lands in T. 14 S., R 26 E., Sections 26 and 35, and T. 15 S., R 26 E., Sections 1, 2, and 12. The unit is 1,106 acres in size.
The lands are located along the west side of a steep canyon which is cut by the South Fork of the John Day River, with the road along its east bank. There are no motorized vehicle crossing points along this segment of the river. There are no vehicle routes which have been identified leading from the USFS or private lands toward the river.
The lands are grazed commercially under permit from the BLM as Allotment # 4103. The range improvements are minor and substantially unnoticeable.
(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?
Yes X No NA NA Describe: A portion of the boundary is formed by Road ROW OR 4156 (75feet wide) which is not included within the unit. This road separates the unit from the Wylie Gulch Unit to the east of it.
No unnatural features were noted. The unit appears to be in a natural condition.
(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes No _X NA Description:

The unit has a very irregular shape, being narrow and no wider than approximately ½ mile from either private lands or from a road. The unit also has steep topography with limited vegetation cover that greatly reduces any expectation of solitude.

(4) Does	the uni	t hav	e outs	tanding opp	ortunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?
Yes	N	lo _	<u>X</u>	NA	_
Descript	ion:			NA	
primitive the unit of of the un	e and un offer a rait (abou	icon: noto it ¼	fined r rized, mile o	ecreation act not necessar f interface) i	recreation purposes along the river corridor, but not for tivities. The Forest Service lands lands directly adjacent to ily primitive recreation experience. Only a small portion s next to the designated Black Canyon Wilderness Area, pportunities within its boundaries.
(5) Does	the uni	t hav	ze supj	olemental va	lues?
		lo		NA	<u> </u>
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		-		•	scenic and recreational values as recognized by several

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:

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.

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:

HICGIAN SIGNATURE

Thursday, July 08, 2010

REFERENCES

Realty Program-

- a. MTPs for T. 14 S., R. 26 E., T. 15 S., R. 26 E.
- b. Case File for ROW OR 4156

Mineral Program -

- a. Oil and Gas Lease review
- b. BLM LR 2000 Record

GIS Program -

- a. USGS National Map project
- b. BLM GIS data
- c. BLM Lower John Day River public lands map, June 1991
- d. Google Earth Commercial Mapping System, 2009

Team Comments from initial review -8/14/07:

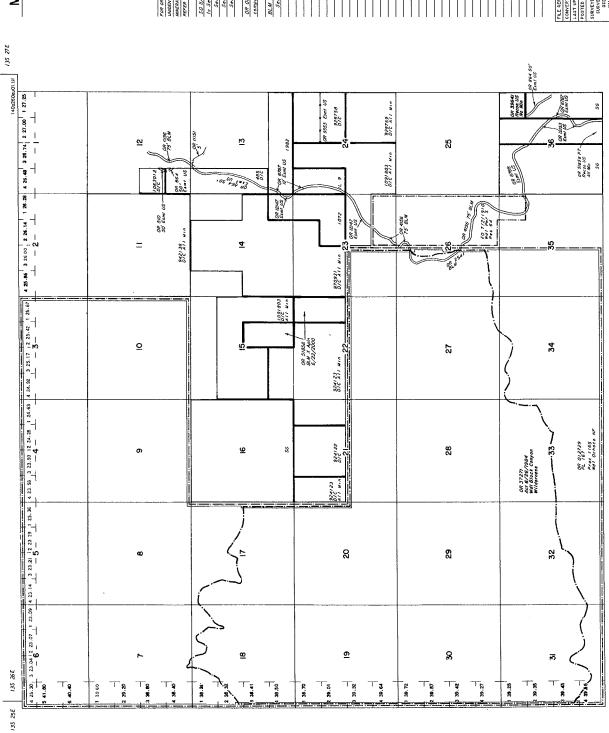
Welch- A new fence was just built.

Morris- There have been fire suppression activities in the past.

Welch-The parcel is small, but it is adjacent to general purpose forest land with a small bridge to wilderness.

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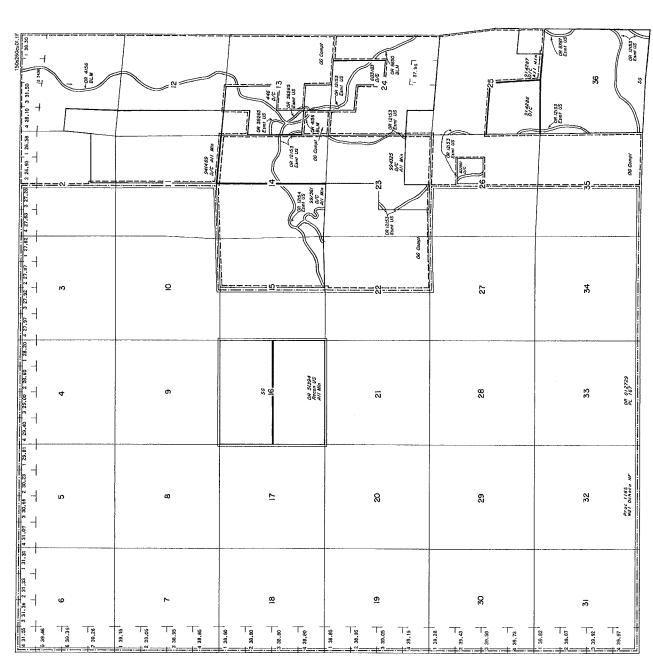
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