

FORM 1**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record****1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?**No (Go to Form 2)Yes (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

- a) **Inventory Source:** June 2006 Evaluation of Wilderness Characteristics-covered about half of the current unit
- b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** ORRB04 (Coffee Creek)
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):**
- d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Roseburg OR, South River FO

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: June 2006 Evaluation of Wilderness Characteristics

Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
OR1010	NO	NO	NO	NO	N/A

FORM 2**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: ORRB04; Acreage 5,530

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

- 1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes

No

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): **2006:** "The unit contains 3,429 acres of BLM land. It is 2.33 miles wide and 4.5 miles in height. The unit lies within the Roseburg District boundaries as one of the only areas of BLM consolidated lands. The boundary winds around to exclude harvest areas and roads. Two cherry stemmed roads cut into the unit's area by 1-1.5 miles. Two other cherry stemmed roads intrude ¼ miles each, but are outlined outside of the primary unit. This results in narrow bottlenecks and a jigsaw puzzle configuration that is not of sufficient size to contribute to outstanding solitude or an opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation use.

2013: A little more than half of the current unit was evaluated in June 2006. In November 2012, the unit was expanded through a GIS exercise performed by the Oregon State Office (OSO) and achieved sufficient size. The unit is now 5,530 acres. Wilderness Inventory Roads form the unit boundary on the north, east, south, and northwest sides. The western boundary is defined by private lands.

- 2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes

No

N/A

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities): **2006:** The unit is not in a natural condition. Roads cut the southern unit off. Timber management just inside the perimeter of the unit includes 18 parcels of timber harvest areas. These average 5 acres each and were conducted between 1964 and 2001. Cherry stemmed roads into areas of timber harvest are plentiful, resulting in an irregular boundary that meanders around. There is evidence of mining in Sections 5 and 6. Tree types include Douglas-fir, incense cedar, sugar pine, and grand fir. Stand ages vary between 30 to 225 years, but most trees are closer to 100-200 years old. The only natural variation in the area is in the center of sections 31, 30, 20, 5, and 19. Note: Out-planting site in section 30.

2013: Several thinned or harvested areas are present and visible from unit routes. Two historic clear cuts are visible along the boundary roads. More historic clear cuts and more recent thinning's were observed along many of the unit's cherry-stem roads. None of the clear-cuts are within the last 25-30 years. Fence lines and girdled trees were observed along the 29-2-20 road. Few user-created Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails were evident throughout the unit; most taking off from the cherry-stem and not the boundary roads. The southern end of the unit and the bottom of Coffee Creek appear to be the most natural as unevenly aged trees are well-distributed and "old-growth" conditions exist in areas. Mining activity still evident in Sections 5 and 6.

- 3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes No N/A

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): **2006:** The Coffee Creek unit is relatively narrow. The unit lies in a small area of consolidated ownership of BLM lands. Timber management activities occur throughout the area on private and other public lands. Maintained access roads surround the unit. Opportunities for solitude exist in the unit, but due to its configuration, opportunities are less than "outstanding." Visitors can not isolate themselves more than 2,600 feet from the boundary. The unit is not a destination place to experience solitude. Recreation users are typical locals. In the center portions of the unit, it may be possible to be secluded from the influences of other visitors or outside industry, however, outside effects of the sights and sounds of logging activities on adjacent timber land, or motorized recreation vehicle use, could be easily noted from within the proposed unit.

2013: Thick vegetation in most areas would screen views out of the unit. The thickness of the vegetation and the short site distances may provide outstanding opportunities for solitude within the interior of the unit; specifically sections 30 and 31. There were at least 3 active timber sales observed during the May field visits and due to the relatively small size of the unit, logging activities would be heard from most everywhere within the unit. Based on these observations and those during the 2006 inventory, it would be difficult to achieve an outstanding opportunity for solitude; though it could exist during times of no timber harvests.

- 4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes No N/A

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation): **2006:** Opportunities for primitive types of recreation exist in the central portions of this unit, mostly due to the lack of roads within. The area is not known to be a destination area for primitive uses as it contains no draw, due to the lack of outstanding characteristics. Dispersed, non-motorized recreation uses are typical. Cross-country travel would be difficult due to the steep terrain and heavy underbrush. Overall, opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in this unit are less than "outstanding."

2013: Little has changed since the 2006 inventory. The long, narrow shape, steepness and thickness of vegetation in areas within the unit would make finding an 'outstanding' primitive and unconfined recreation experience challenging.

- (5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes No N/A

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: ORRB04

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When wilderness characteristics have been identified in an area that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included within the lands with wilderness characteristics (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

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

2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No N/A

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

4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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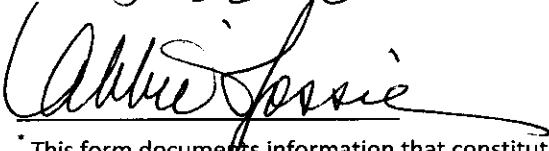
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