

Year 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-78, Blind Islands, North and South, Eastsound, Orcas Island

**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  (Go to Form 2) Yes  (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

**a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980**

**b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):**

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): \_ Navigational Chart 18421**

**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): \_ Spokane, Wenatchee, San Juan Islands Field Station**

**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):

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics<sup>1</sup>:

Inventory Source:  Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980

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

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**FORM 2**

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: 13-78, Blind Islands, North and South, Eastsound, Orcas Island

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes  No  Island Rock Rocks

[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 CURRENT CONDITIONS:** (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

Ownership: BLM ownership

Location: N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"

Topography: Blind Islands North and South are 2 small islands roughly 1 acre each. Both islands are low lying and slightly domed. The South island is approximately 14 feet above sea level. The North island is approximately 3 feet above sea level. Both islands offer limited access portals at higher tides.

Vegetation Features: The South island supports a variety of grasses, wildflowers, lichens, mosses and several trees. The North island is covered in dust lichens.

Major human uses/ activities: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized does occur in the area. Wildlife viewing is excellent in this area for seabirds, marine mammals and other species. Photography is excellent in this area. Sea Kayaking is also excellent in this area. Blind Islands, north and south are located within Eastsound, of Orcas Island and approximately 50' - 100' feet from shore

Other items: Access is best using small non motorized human powered water craft. There is a WADFW Marine mammal haul out site nearby, #448.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Blind Island, north and south appear natural and are in a natural condition.

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

Yes  (south island) No  (north island) N/A

Description: Outstanding opportunities for solitude can be found on the south island. There is one house located into the tree line of Orcas Island and also a pier. These developments are approximately 150' - 200' feet away from the South Island and do not dominate the overall landscape. The North Island does not offer solitude due to the nearby homes located on Orcas Island which dominate the overall landscape of this area.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit 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  (south island) No  (north island) N/A

Description: For both islands recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized does occur in the area. Recreational opportunities are outstanding for the south island. Wildlife viewing is excellent and outstanding in the south island area for seabirds, marine mammals and other species. Photography is excellent and outstanding in the south island area. Sea Kayaking is also excellent and outstanding in the south area. Blind Islands, north and south receive a large number of sea kayak visitors who kayak in the area most often kayaking from nearby Rosario resort and also nearby residents. The North island's recreational opportunities are not outstanding due to the proximity of nearby development which would detract from the overall recreational experience as outstanding. However, many of the excellent recreational attributes found on the south island are found on the north island as well.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Supplemental values for Blind Island, North and South include a dynamic marine ecological system. The geology of Blind Island, North and South are part of a

unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for Blind Islands, North and South are scientific and scenic. There is a WADFW Marine mammal haul out site nearby, #448.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: 13-78, Blind Islands, North and South, Eastsound, Orcas Island

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  (South Island) No  (North Island) 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.  
\*Blind Island, South
- The area does not have wilderness character.  
\*Blind Island, North

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**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.*

**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE  
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

**APPENDIX D – PHOTO LOG  
(modify form as needed)**

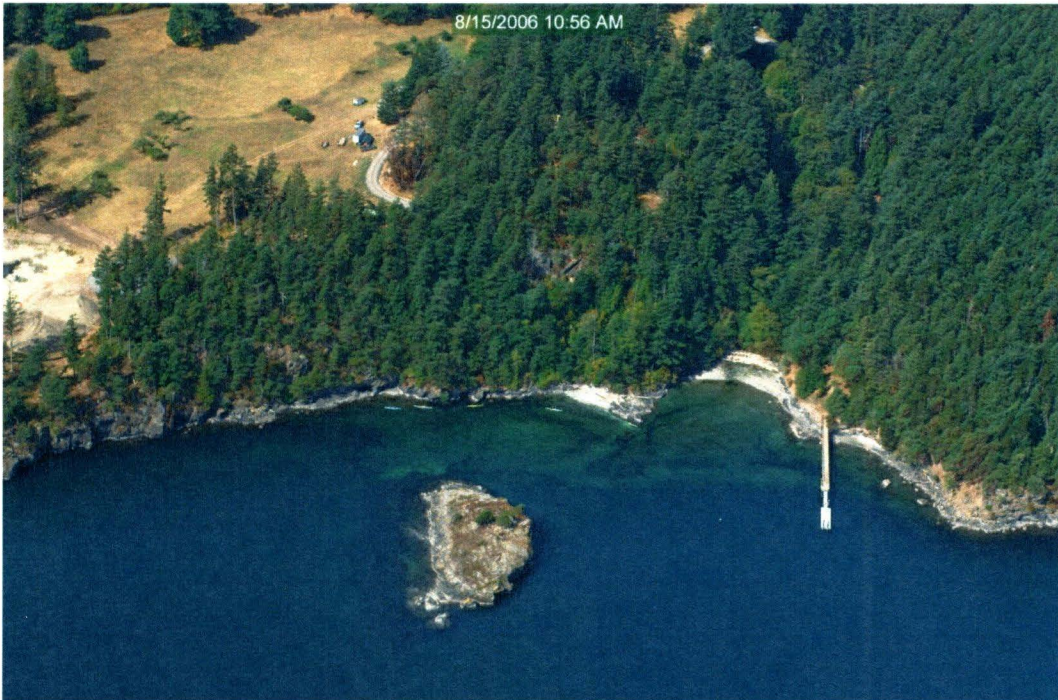
Photographer(s): \_ WA Department of Ecology, Bob Wick

Inventory Area Name & No.: 13-78, Blind Islands, North and South, Eastsound, Orcas Island

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
08.15.2006	14082	Oblique, W	Blind Island, South, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
10.23.2009	2347	W	Blind Island, South, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
10.23.2009	2348	W	Blind Island, South, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
10.23.2009	2350	SW	Blind Island, South, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
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10.23.2009	2352	N	Blind Island, South, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
08.15.2006	14084	Oblique, W	Blind Island, North, Orcas island shoreline, eastsound	N48 37' 44.83", W122 52' 40.52", N48 37' 30.00", W122 52' 36.02"	T36N	R1W	Sec.07
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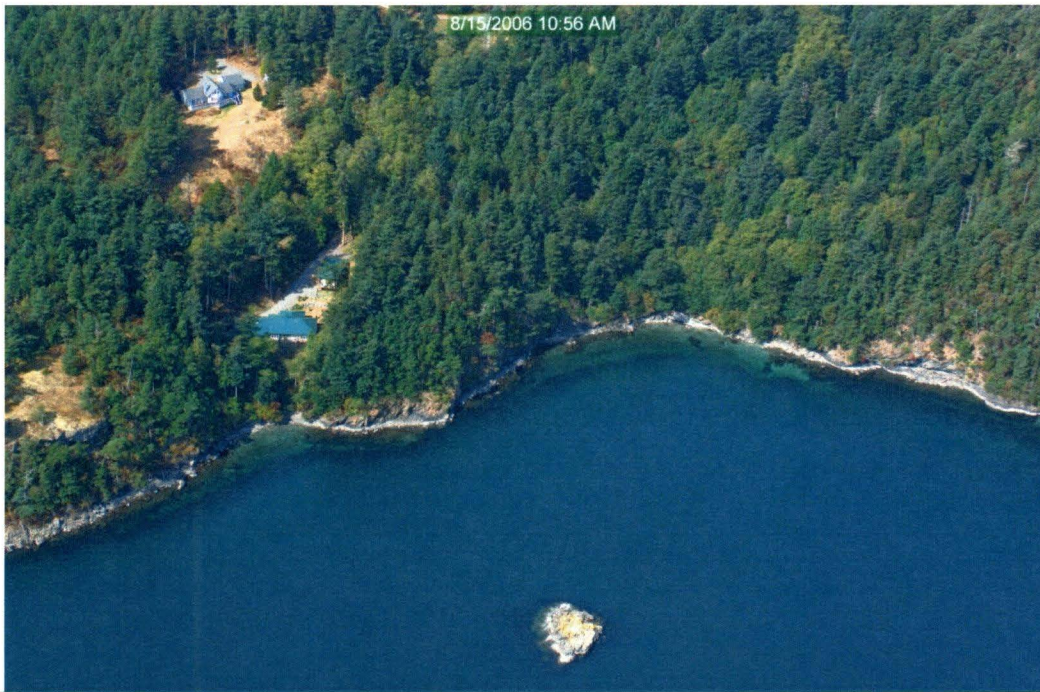
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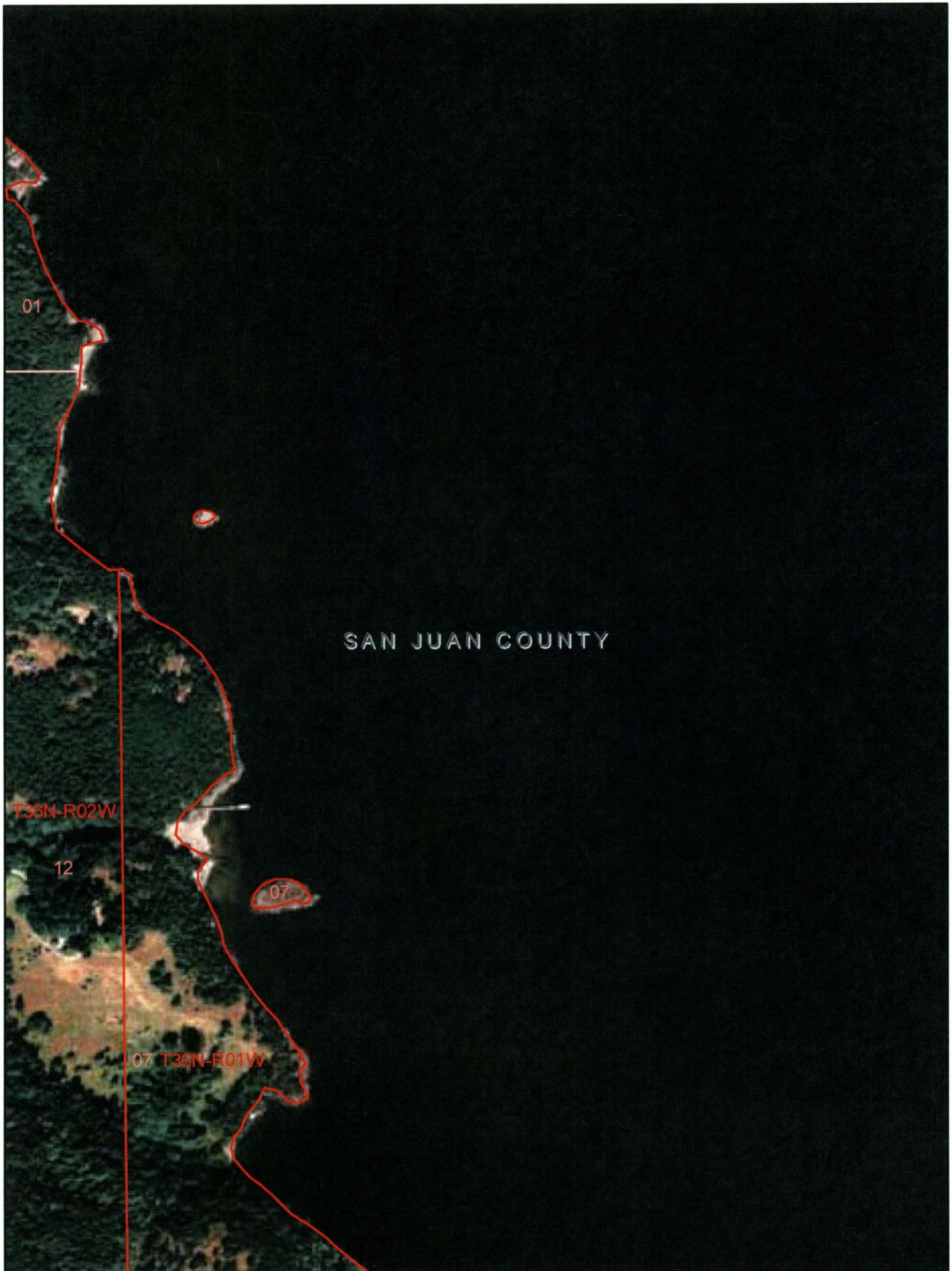
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13-78, Blind Rocks Eastsound, North and South, N 48 37' 44.837", W 122 52' 40.522", & N 48 37' 30.004", W 122 52' 36.026"