

Year 2011
FORM 1

Inventory Unit Number/Name: Rock Creek OR135-01

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD:

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

No X (Go to Form 2) Yes _____ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source: _____

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

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _____

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 characteristics¹:
Inventory Source: _____

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

The lands were acquired from the private domain in September, 1996 and no inventory has been done to date. This area is being inventoried at this time due to the initiation of a new Resource Management Planning effort starting in FY 2010 and mandated by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.

FORM 2

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name Rock Creek OR135-01

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No X

The lands have a total size of 15,099 acres of public lands managed by the Border Field Office, Spokane District of the Bureau of Land Management. The lands are located in Whitman and Adams counties approximately 20 miles south of the community of Sprague, Washington.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

All information provided below is for informational purposes only:

There are 640 acres of Washington State lands included within the boundary of the area under study but which are not included in this effort. There are no private in-holdings. The public lands are completely surrounded by private lands which form most of the boundary of the inventory unit. An abandoned Railroad line designated by the State of Washington as a Non-motorized Trail, the John Wayne Trail, runs along a portion of the west and north boundary and separates it from private lands.

The Escure property is located within the geographic area known as the Palouse, characterized by rolling loess hills dissected by remnant flood channels of the great Spokane Floods. Many features of the catastrophic glacial floods which gouged great channels through the layers of Miocene basalts and loess covered hills are evident in the dramatic vistas across the parcel. Rock Creek, a year-round stream, meanders through the property for approximately 9 miles.

There are low Columbia River basalt formations of a dark coloration, several of which dominate the landscape with very strong forms and line features. The dominant soil type is the Anders-Benge-Kuhle association. The average rainfall is 13 to 14 inches per year.

The predominant vegetation is a Columbia Basin Shrub-steppe habitat of one or more layers of perennial grass with a conspicuous over story of a layer of shrubs. This community is typically big sagebrush in association

with native bunchgrass and some introduced exotics. There is a healthy riparian community along the Rock Creek drainage which includes willow, water birch, wild rose, and red osier dogwood.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife study recorded 94 species of birds, 20 species of mammals and 11 species of reptiles and amphibians. Shrub-steppe habitats in Washington have been identified as having the highest number of at-risk species with the lowest level of protection.

Over 72% of the Rock Creek watershed has been converted to agricultural use, with this parcel being a significant exception. Rock creek provides a corridor between the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge to the north and the Palouse River to the south. Waterfowl, shorebirds, upland birds, and ungulates use the rock creek corridor during seasonal migrations. Rock creek supports a healthy fishery consisting of both rainbow and brown trout. A full complement of native forage fish such as dace, shiners, and suckers are present in such numbers to provide a reliable food source for trout, kingfishers, and herons which forage in and around the creek. Acquisition of the Rock Creek riparian area was one of the priorities in the exchange since although these systems comprise only 2% of the total landscape, over 80% of the wildlife species within the Columbia Basin depend on these areas.

Ethnographic and archeological data for the Escure Ranch are somewhat limited, but a number of prehistoric and historic sites are located on the property, including the original ranch, which dates to pre-1900.

In T. 18 N., R 39 E., Section 31 there are a number of ranch buildings clustered together. These are historical and are maintained by BLM. There are also BLM recreational developments located adjacent to the Ranch, which include a staging area with parking, kiosks, signing, and a restroom.

The BLM issues commercial recreational permits for primitive recreation activities and also actively promotes casual recreation use of a primitive and semi-primitive nature. The area is currently used by approximately 6,500 visitors per year. The chief recreational activities are hunting, hiking, fishing, and horseback riding. The public lands are bordered on the north and by the John Wayne Trail; a Washington State Parks managed non-motorized trail on an abandoned Railroad line (Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Line). Another Washington State managed recreational trail follows an abandoned railroad line (Spokane, Portland, and Seattle Line) along the public lands western boundary. When BLM acquired the lands, the existing vehicle network was evaluated and a number of routes were closed, while others remain open year-round or

seasonally for recreational use (see attached Road Analysis Forms and Field Map).

The Escure property was originally used for grazing sheep, which was later converted to cattle. The Ranch is divided into six (6) separate pastures. There are approximately 50 miles of fencing for the range program. As a result of overgrazing, some areas have been converted from native bunchgrass to exotic cheatgrass and bulbous bluegrass.

2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X _____

Description:

The immediate vicinity of the ranch building and the BLM recreational staging area is not in a natural condition. The ranch headquarters, operating facilities and the BLM staging area are significant man-made intrusions but are localized to less than 5 acres in size.

Breeden Road, located in the northern portion of the unit, is a county maintained road with substantial improvements located along it, including signing and a concrete bridge spanning Rock Creek. See attached Road Analysis Form.

The main access road to the property, which runs north-south along the eastern side of the unit, is a well-maintained BLM road. It terminates at the Reach buildings. See attached Road Analysis Form.

There is a substantial Pipeline and service road not identified on the Realty Files, which bisect a portion of the unit from the southeast to the southwest side of the unit. This is a BPA pipeline and is readily visible on the ground and from the air. See attached Field Map and Aerial Photos.

Scattered throughout the area are dozens of large stock watering holes excavated by mechanical means, plus a network of stock trails also created by mechanical means that impact but do not remove naturalness.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X _____

Description:

The lands have vegetation and topography screening to an extent which provides a feeling of outstanding solitude. Use levels are low and distances for separation are possible. Although use levels are increasing and are expected to continue to increase, the parcel is of a sufficient size and shape to accommodate the increase.

(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 _____ No _____ N/A X _____

Description:

The area has a number of recreational point destinations, such as along the Rock Creek drainage, Wall Lake, and Towell Falls, as well as the expansiveness of the area that offer an outstanding level of primitive recreational opportunities and experiences for both a short or for extended periods of time.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

The property has the Spalding's Catchfly (*Silene spaldingii*) which is a Washington State endangered plant, also under consideration by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for potential listing under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Additional special status plant species which could potentially occur on the property are Palouse Goldenweed (*Haplopappus latriormus*) and Washington Polemonium (*Polemonium pectinatum*)

There are 11 at-risk bird species, 8 at-risk mammal species, and 4 reptile species at-risk present on the property.

A number of prehistoric and historic sites are located on the property, including the original ranch building, which dates to 1900.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Rock Creek OR135-01

Summary

A portion of the unit, approximately 5 acres in size, which surrounds the ranch buildings and BLM recreational staging area, is not in a natural condition.

A portion of the unit, those lands located north of Breeden road, are isolated from the rest of the parcel by the county maintained road. These lands are less than 5,000 acres in size and do not possess wilderness characteristics

A portion of the unit, a narrow sliver located east of the main access road, the main ranch and facilities and a vehicle route determined by BLM staff to be a seasonal wilderness inventory road, is isolated by these features from the rest of the unit. The area of land is less than 5,000 acres in size and lacks wilderness character.

The unit is bisected by the BPA pipeline and the service road associated with it. The area south of the pipeline and/or the service road, (whichever is further north), is isolated by these features and is less than 5,000 acres in size. This land lacks wilderness characteristics.

A portion of the unit, those lands located east of Towell Falls Road at its southern extremity, are isolated from the rest of the parcel by a vehicle route running from the Escure Ranch facility southerly to its terminus at Towell Falls, maintained by BLM and used seasonally by the public, and a stem road that that meets the definition of a road that connects Towell Falls Road to the unit's eastern boundary. See attached Road Analysis Form. The land isolated by these features is less than 5,000 acres in size, and lacks wilderness characteristics.

The remaining unit is divided by the Ranch to Wall Lake Road and stemming off of it the road from Wall Lake Sign to Calloway Road, into three parcels isolated by these features. Each of these units is less than 5,000 acres in size and lack wilderness characteristics. See attached Road Analysis Forms and Area Map.

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 ___ No ___ NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes ___ No ___ NA

Conclusion

None of the the unit possesses wilderness characteristics, because it is divided into seven (7) portions by man-made features, and which are individually less than 5,000 acres in size and lack wilderness characteristics.

Lands with Wilderness Character: 0 acres
Lands without Wilderness Character 15,099 acres

Check One:

The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

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10/6/11
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REFERENCES:

1. Realty References:

a. Master Title Plats

T. 9 N., R. 25 E.

T. 9 N., R. 26 E.

T. 9 N., R. 27 E.

T. 8 N., R. 27 E.

b. Realty Case Files:

Land Exchange WAOR 50525

Engineering program Reference:

1. BLM Spokane District Route Inventory (FAMS).
2. BLM Spokane District Route Inventory project, 2007

Range Program Reference:

1. Range Allotment Files
2. Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management

GIS Program reference:

1. BLM Resource Data-Wildlife, vegetation, fuels, watershed
2. Aerial Photos, FY 2009 Google Earth
3. Washington State Gap Analysis Project Final Report, Volume 5, 1997

Mineral Program Reference:

1. BLM geographic report for case recordation and mining claim status in Land Records System (LR 2000).

Planning and NEPA references:

1. Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Acquisition of Escure Ranch, EA # OR 130-09-07.
2. Initial Environmental Assessment OR 130-06-04, Proposed Acquisition of the Escure Ranch.
3. Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 201 and 206
4. Spokane District Resource Management Plan, signed May, 1987, amended 1992.

Rock Creek

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Results

Utilities

- Pipeline
- Power Transmission

Boundary Feature

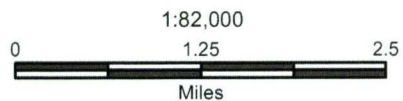
- X—X Fence
- Right-of-way (Pipeline)
- Road

No - Wilderness Characteristics

Surface Jurisdiction

- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources
- WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- WA State Parks

Unique ID	Evaluation	Acres
197	N	837
198	N	2637
199	N	3979
200	N	1112
201	N	1999
202	N	4535
Total		15,099



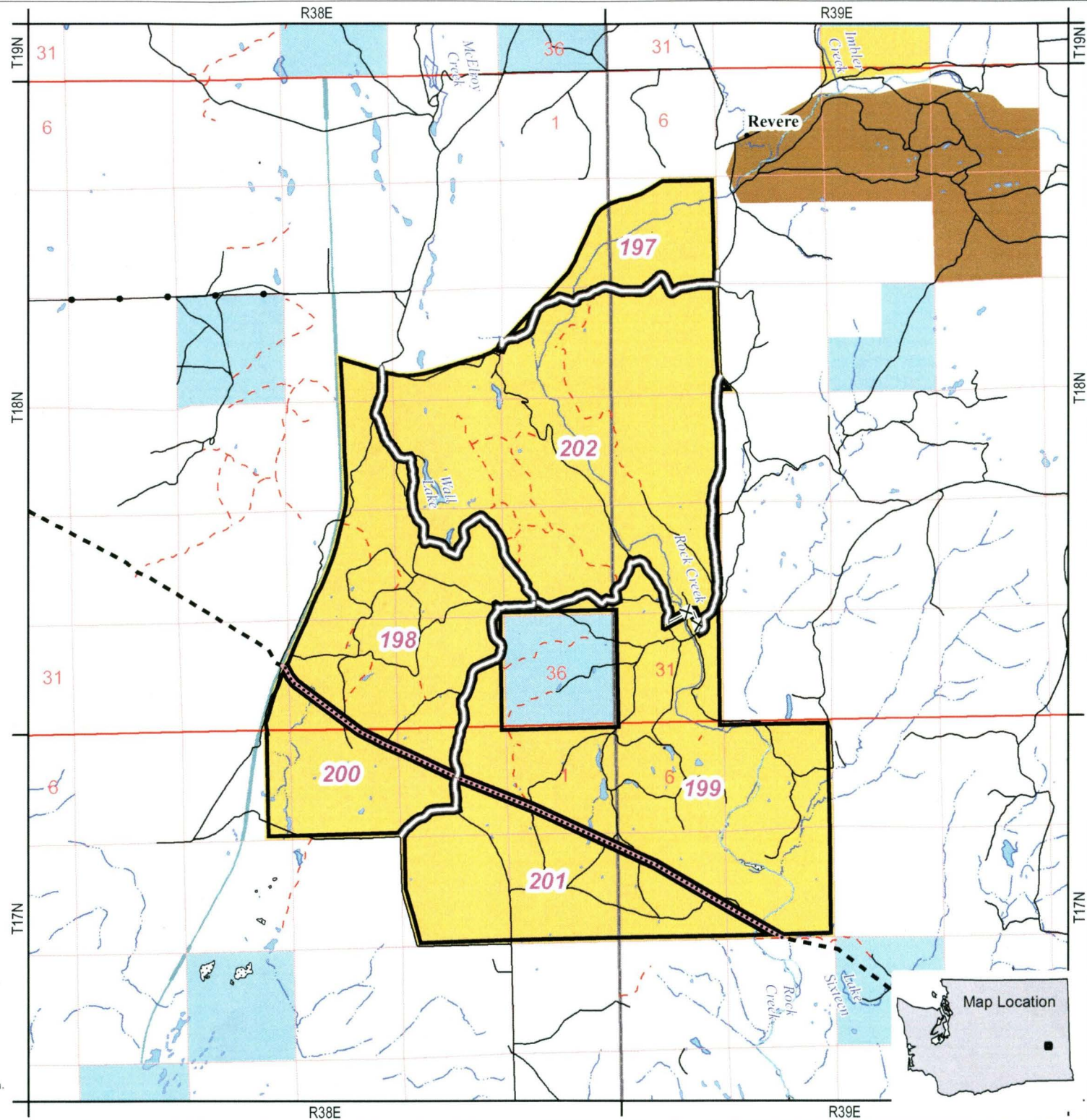
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**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Rock Creek OR 135-01

Route Name and/or Identifier: Breeden Road

I. LOCATION: refer to attached field and final map and BLM corporate data (GIS). T 18 N., R 39 E., Section 18, running west towards Paxton. Reference photos #1-3.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Describe: Breeden Road, located in the northern portion of the unit, is a county maintained road connecting to a BLM road that provides recreational public access for fishermen going to Rock Creek or Wall Lake, and hunters, as well as for BLM administrative and fire access, and also provides range permittee access. _____

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes X No _____ Unknown _____

An approximately 2/3 mile portion of the road in T 18 N., R 39 E., Section 18 has a right-of-way for Whitman County. There is no associated right-of-way west of the Adams County boundary line.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes X No _____

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No _____

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges Drainage
_____ Barriers _____ Other

Describe: substantial improvements located along it, including signing and a concrete bridge spanning Rock Creek.

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No _____

Hand Tools _____ Machine Yes _____

Explain: Although not recent, there is evidence of graveling and grading of the road to the point of allowing access for regular and continuous use for vehicles suited to the purpose of the road.

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Comments: The route would be maintained to the degree necessary for vehicles suited to the purpose of the road for regular and continuous use according to the use of the road, i.e. to continue BLM range program and range permittee access, BLM administrative and fire access, and to facilitate public recreational opportunities.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

___ Well-defined tire tracks consistent with range permittee, BLM range program, BLM fire program, BLM recreation program, other administrative occasional access, and public recreational regular access. ___

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 No _____

Explanation: It is a wilderness characteristics road.

Evaluator(s): Finger, Smith, Magee, Pavey Date: July 28, 2009

* **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.

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

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Rock Creek_ OR 135-01_

Route Name and/or Identifier: Main Access Road

I. LOCATION: refer to attached field and final map and BLM corporate data (GIS). T 18 N., R 39 E., Section 18, running south towards Rock Creek Recreation Site. Reference photo #4.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Describe: The main access road to Rock Creek Recreation Site and Escure Ranch, this is a BLM-maintained, mechanically created road that provides recreational public access primarily for fishing, hunting, hiking and horseback riding; for BLM administrative access for numerous BLM programs, especially recreation, range, wildlife and cultural/archeology; fire access; and range permittee access, including for cattle pasturing and transportation operations.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes No Unknown

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No _____

Hand Tools _____ Machine Yes _____

Explain: The road is visibly graveled and rock raked as to the point of allowing access for regular and continuous use for vehicles suited to the purpose of the road.

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Comments: The route would be maintained to the degree necessary for vehicles suited to the purpose of the road for regular and continuous use according to the use of the road, i.e. to continue BLM range program and range permittee access, BLM administrative and fire access, and to facilitate public recreational opportunities.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

___ Well-defined tire tracks consistent with regular public recreational access, range permittee, BLM range program, BLM fire program, BLM recreation program, and other administrative occasional access. ___

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: It is a wilderness characteristics road.

Evaluator(s): Finger, Smith, Magee, Pavey Date: July 28, 2009

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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.

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

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Rock Creek OR 135-01

Route Name and/or Identifier: Ranch to Wall Lake Road

I. LOCATION: refer to attached field and final map and BLM corporate data (GIS). T 18 N., R 39 E., Section 31, running west from the ranch buildings vicinity to just south of Turtle Lake, then north past the west side of Wall Lake to Breeden Road. Reference photos # 5 - 11

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Describe: This Route is used for BLM fire and administrative access, range program access by the Permittee, and for recreational purposes. The BLM administrative use is occasional, while most use is by the Range Permittee. It is also a marked trail used for recreational horseback riding and foot access.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes No Unknown

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes X No

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled _____ Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill Other _____

Describe: There are several cuts or berms visible identifying that the road was constructed by mechanical means.

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____
Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No _____

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

Explain: Route is mowed seasonally to facilitate continued access by vehicles suited for the purpose of the road.

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Comments: As a key access route between Breeden Road and the Escure Ranch buildings, BLM maintenance would be provided to provide continued access for regular and continuous use by vehicles suited to the purpose of the road, for BLM programs as well as range permittee operations.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

There are considerable signs of tire tread wear from occasional to regular use from BLM administrative access and range permittee vehicle access.

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:

Evaluator(s): Smith / Doloughan Date: 1/31/11

* **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.

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Rock Creek OR 135-01

Route Name and/or Identifier: Wall Lake Sign to Calloway Road
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available) Refer to photos # 11 – 13.

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map Rock Creek Area and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable): T 18 N., R 38 E., Section 26, running south towards Calloway Road see photos # 11 - 13

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: This Route is used for BLM fire and administrative access, range program access by the Permittee, and for recreational purposes. The BLM administrative use is occasional, while most use is by the Range Permittee. It is also a marked trail used for recreational horseback riding and foot access. The range permittee uses it among other things, for delivery of protein and salt blocks for stock animals.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes ____ No Unknown ____

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No ____

Examples:

Paved ____ Bladed Graveled ____ Roadside Berms ____
Cut/Fill ____ Other ____

Describe: Bladed in spots and road was improved by mechanical means to facilitate stock operations at the same time stock watering dugouts and stock trails throughout the property were constructed by mechanical means.

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes ____ No

By Hand Tools ____ By Machine ____

Examples:

Culverts ____ Stream Crossings ____ Bridges ____ Drainage ____
Barriers ____ Other ____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes ____ No

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

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No ____

Comments: The route would be maintained to the degree necessary for vehicles suited to the purpose of the road for regular and continuous use according to the use of the road, i.e. to continue BLM range program and range permittee access.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Occasional tire tracks consistent with range permittee, BLM range program, BLM fire program, and BLM recreation program occasional access.

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 No

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): Smith / Doloughan Date: 1/31/11

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IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

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

Photographer(s): Finger / Smith

Inventory Area Name & No.: Rock Creek OR 135-01

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
8/6/09	1	west	Vehicle road		18N	39E	18
8/6/09	2	west	Vehicle road + bridge		18N	38E	13
8/6/09	3	south	Roadside feature / creek from bridge		18N	38E	13
8/6/09	4	south	Vehicle road		18N	39E	19
1/31/11	5	north	Vehicle road		18N	39E	30
1/31/11	6	northwest	Vehicle road / cut		18N	39E	30
1/31/11	7	southwest	Vehicle road		18N	39E	30
1/31/11	8	west	Vehicle road / cut		18N	38E	26
1/31/11	9	west	Vehicle road		18N	38E	26
1/31/11	10	west	Vehicle road / cut		18N	38E	26
1/31/11	11	north	Vehicle road / berm		18N	38E	26
1/31/11	12	southwest	Vehicle road		18N	38E	26
1/31/11	13	south	Roadside feature: dugout		18N	38E	35















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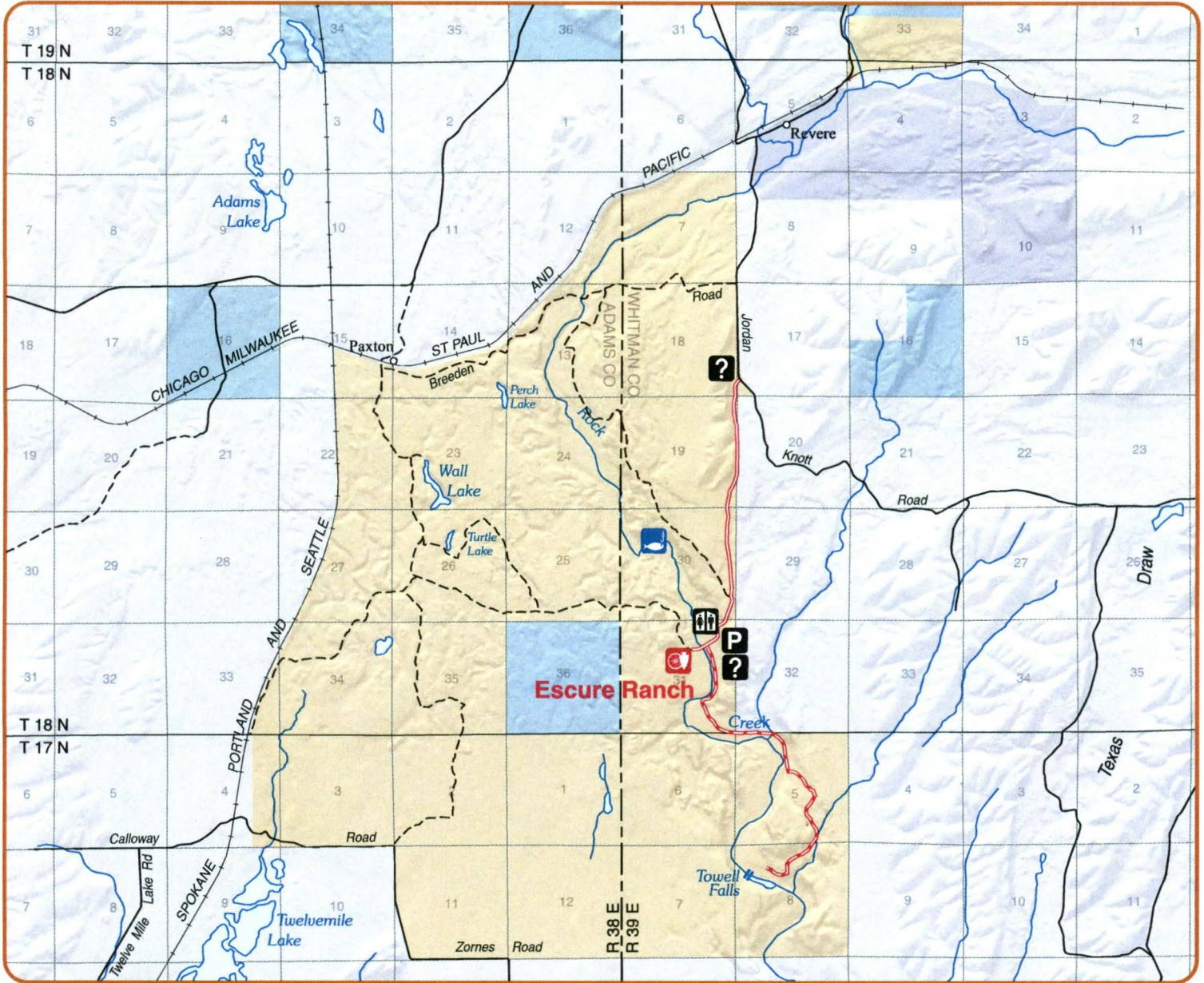


















Rock Creek Recreation Area

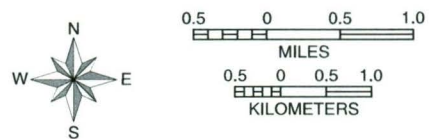
Recreation Opportunities

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Camping
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Mountain Biking
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Hiking
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Horseback Riding
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Fishing
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Watchable Wildlife
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Hunting
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Watchable Wildflowers



LEGEND

Recreation	Transportation	Administered Land
 Fishing	 Access Route	 Bureau of Land Management
 Historic Site	 Seasonal Access Route	 Washington Dept. of Natural Resources
 Information	 Improved Road	 Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 Parking	 Other Road or Trail, Access as Designated	 Private or Other
 Restroom	 Railroad	



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