

Year 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-76, Patos 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): Navigation 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 characteristics¹:

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

FORM 2

Use additional pages as necessary

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: 13-76, Patos Island

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes No Island

[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: T38N, R02W, Section 16, N48 47' 5.9", W122 57' 31.74

Topography: Long flat to gently rolling, 200 acre island with sandy, to rocky beaches and steep cliffs.

Vegetation Features: Grassy bald, exposed rock formations to older growth forest characteristics

Major human uses/ activities: Lighthouse viewing, maritime history and cultural appreciation, wildflower viewing, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, sea kayaking, non-motorized and motorized boating, Geo-caching, fishing and sight-seeing.

Other items: The north shore of Patos Island is identified as a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, marine mammal haul out site, #469. This is the largest BLM Island holding in the San Juans, 200 acres, and the northernmost coastal island in the lower 48 United States. It has beautiful campsites, trails, historic features, wildlife, etc. The island is dominated by an older growth character forest of Doug firs, grand firs, cedars, shore pine and a diverse array of shrubs, wildflowers and other species. On the western most end of the Island, Alden Point is the Historic and National Registered, Patos Island Lighthouse. Historic features exist across the western most end of the island, to include sidewalks, concrete foundation structures, anchor points, boat house foundation and the remnants of a historic dock. The Island is cooperatively managed with the Washington State, San Juan Marine Park. There are 7 primitive campsites which are predominately all located near active cove beach and along active cove. Each primitive campsite has a picnic table, fire ring. 2 campsites have retaining walks constructed of

wood. There are trails connecting the campsites. Informational signs, kiosk, metal registration fee unit, 2 pit toilets, and 1 vault toilet. 2 each, Wa State Park mooring buoys are located in Active Cove. A rustic and primitive hiking trail goes from the camping area westerly to the lighthouse and then along the north shore to approximately mid-island and works its way south to the south shore and then westerly back to the campsites. Predominate recreation use is during the summer months for boating, sea kayaking, beachcombing, wildflower and wildlife viewing and hiking. There is no fresh water available at the campsites.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No N/A

Description: Most of the island is in a pristine condition. The only human intrusions are the relatively developed "primitive" campground (cleared sites with picnic tables and fire rings and pit toilets) and the historic USCG lighthouse and associated developments (including sidewalks and foundations). Being along the edge, these unnatural features (even though the lighthouse features are historic) can be excluded from the remainder of the area that retains its primeval character and influence. The sidewalk is not substantially noticeable from only short distances away, so could remain in the unit if not easily excluded. The Washington State San Juan Marine Park features do not dominate the landscape and are for the most part nestled into the tree line.

(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 No N/A

Description: There are exceptional opportunities to find isolation from others on the island, in addition to the isolation afforded most islands and rocks in the context of the San Juan Archipelago.

(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

Description: The area provides for a wide range of outstanding primitive recreation opportunities including camping, hiking, backpacking, nature photography, birding, sea kayaking, wildflower and wildlife viewing, and historical appreciation.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes No N/A

Description: Supplemental values for Patos Island include a dynamic marine and terrestrial ecological system. The geology of Patos Island are part of a unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for Patos Island are scientific, cultural, historic and scenic. Patos Island is identified as a WADFW Marine mammal haul out site #469. There are Bald Eagles which rest and perch on the dominate Douglas Firs throughout the island. Marbled Murrelets and Harlequin ducks frequent the rocky shores of Patos Island. Oyster Catchers have been observed to nest successfully from Patos Island's north shore.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 13-76, Patos Island

Summary

Results of Analysis:

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| 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 2. Does the area appear to be natural? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| 4. Does the area have supplemental values? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |

Conclusion

Check One:

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

The area does not have wilderness character.

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Field Manager

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)**

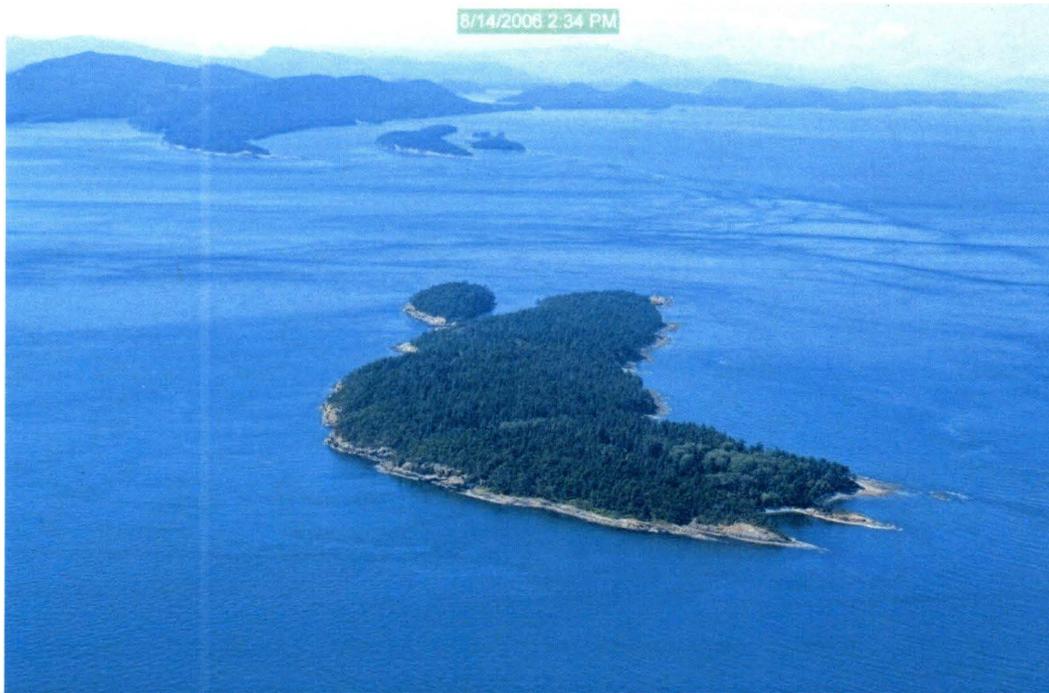
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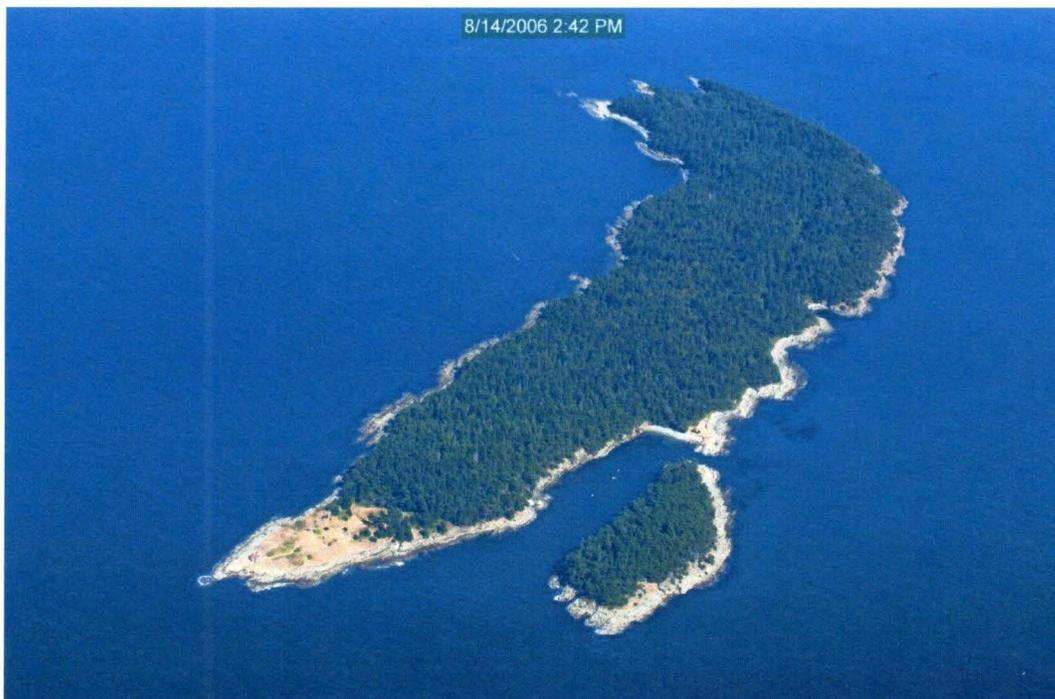
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10.22.2009	2011	WSW	Active Cove beach, Patos Island. Campsite, south shore	N 48 47' 2.93", W122 57' 51.06"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
10.22.2009	2019	NW	Trail leaving Active Cove beach, Patos Island.	N 48 47' 5.18", W122 57' 49.44"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
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10.22.2009	2025	SSW	Campsite 7, looking towards Lil Patos and historic features, Old dock and boat house, Patos Island.	N 48 47' 10.88", W122 58' 3.88"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
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10.22.2009	2054	E	Alden Point from	N 48 47' 20.51",	T38N	R2W	Sec.16

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10.22.2009	2180	W	South shore beaches, Patos Island.	N 48 47' 1.34", W122 57' 45.36"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
10.22.2009	2203	N	Alden Point and historic lighthouse, Patos Island.	N 48 47' 11.849", W122 58' 20.14"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
10.22.2009	2226	NNW	Toe Point beaches, Patos Island.	N 48 47' 11.90", W122 56' 31.05"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
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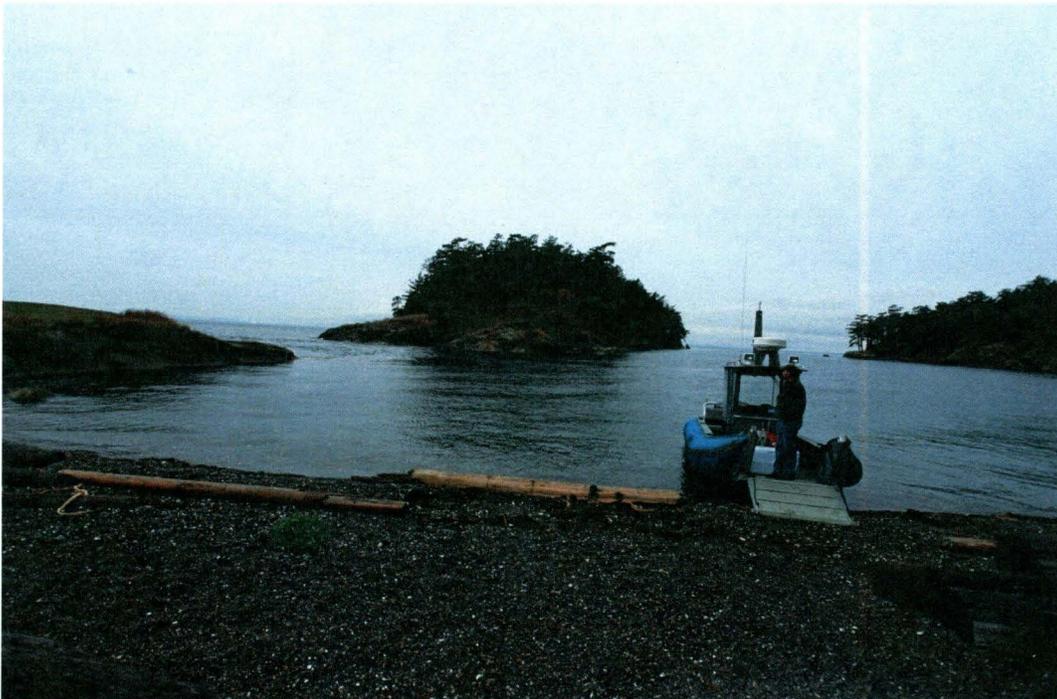
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