

Year 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-9, Reads Bay 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): 13-9 Reads Bay Island**

**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
13-9	3 acres +	N	N	N	N

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**FORM 2**

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: **13-9 Reads Bay 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: N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"

Topography: Read's Bay Island is approximately 3 acres slightly domed with light vegetation and exposed rocks

Vegetation Features: The vegetation of Read's Bay Island includes, grasses, wildflowers, mosses, lichens, and an assortment of younger Douglas Firs trees.

Major human uses/ activities: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized does occur in the area. Boaters often drop anchor (gunkholing) in the small bay and dinghy over to the island. Wildflower viewing is excellent in this area and has one of the best displays for nearby islands. Wildlife viewing also occurs in the area regarding seabirds, marine mammals and other species. Photography is excellent in this area. Sea Kayaking is also excellent in this area.

Other items: There is a small historic foundation from a bull kelp production operation during the World War 1 era. There are several USFW, San Juan Marine National Wildlife Refuge Islands nearby within 1 mile. Directly to the south of Read's Bay Island are lands held in a San Juan Preservation Trust, Conservation Easement. There are nearby WADFW Marine mammal haul out sites # 387, 388, 389.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Appears natural with a small historic foundation structure Kelp mill from World War 1 era on the Western edge of island. The historic feature does not dominate the landscape of the island due to the islands domed topography.

(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: Outstanding opportunities for solitude can be found on the island. The undisturbed small bay with San Juan Preservation Trust land nearby to the south provides a unique quality for seclusion and isolation.

(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: There are outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation with sea kayaking, hiking, photography, and wildflower viewing.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Supplemental values for Read's Bay Island include a dynamic marine ecological system. The geology of Read's Bay Island is part of a unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for Davis Bay Island and rocks are scientific, historic and scenic. The historic kelp mill foundation tells a significant story of early euro-settler history and war. There are also several USFW San Juan Marine National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Islands nearby within 1 mile.

### Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 13-9 Read's Bay 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?                   X Yes           No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and  
unconfined type of recreation?                   X Yes           No    NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values?           X Yes           No    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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*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

Inventory Area Name & No.: 13-9, Reads Bay Island

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
08.14.2006	12822	Oblique, SE	Nearby western and southern shoreline of Decatur Island	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	1681	ESE	Nearby western shoreline, Decatur Island, Reads Bay Island	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	1682	E	Reads Bay Island, historic, Kelp Mill foundation	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	1684	NNW	Reads Bay Island	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	1690	W	Reads Bay Island	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	1698	NE	Reads Bay Island, historic Kelp mill foundation	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28
10.21.2009	4500	E	Reads Bay Island, historic Kelp mill foundation	N 48 29' 03" W122 49'36.3"	T35N	R1W	Sec.28

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13-9, Read's Bay Island, N48 29' 3.39", W122 49' 19.92"