

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

OR08-4 Coast Range Wilderness – Mount Hebo

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

- 1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.
- 2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.

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:** Public proposal from Wilderness Society for 2008 RMP planning effort and subsequent BLM inventory.
- b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** Coast Range Wilderness – Mount Hebo
Proposal ID number: OR08-4
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Mount Hebo Proposed Wilderness and Proposed Nestucca Wild and Scenic River
- d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Salem District, Tillamook Field Office

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: Public Proposal

Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
Mount Hebo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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

Area Unique Identifier Mount Hebo Acreage 81

(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

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): These wilderness units were found to contain wilderness characteristics during the 2006/2008 inventory process. Policy changes to the 6130 Manual in 2011 reverses this finding based on the size criteria. The area is not a contiguous 5,000 of roadless area on BLM-administered land. The new manual has exceptions to the 5,000 acre rule such as BLM lands containing wilderness characteristics adjacent to USFS lands deemed to hold wilderness characteristics or are designated as wilderness. None of these units meet those exemptions.

2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

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): [Click here to enter text.](#)

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): [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

Yes

No

N/A

Description: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: Mount Hebo

Summary

Results of analysis: The 1980 inventory included USFS lands to meet necessary size requirements for inclusion. The 81 acres identified as Mount Hebo potential wilderness no longer meets size requirements and does not adjoin a previously designated wilderness or wilderness study area, therefore this parcel no longer meets required criteria for consideration as a wilderness area.

(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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* 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 1610.5-3.