

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Inventory Units throughout the Salem District, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon

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):** The following areas are grouped in this form based on findings to lack of wilderness characteristics found during previous inventory.

- (1) Mount Hood Wilderness Additions – North Boulder Creek
- (2) Coast Range Wilderness – Moon Creek
- (3) Coast Range Wilderness – Toketa Creek
- (4) Clackamas Wilderness – Molalla Headwaters Dead Horse Canyon
- (5) Coast Range Wilderness – OR08-10
- (6) Coast Range Wilderness – Upper Drift Creek
- (7) Coast Range Wilderness – Bear Creek
- (8) Santiam Wilderness – Crabtree Valley
- (9) Santiam Wilderness – Lower Quartz Creek
- (10) Santiam Wilderness – Eagle Creek
- (11) Coast Range Wilderness – Marys Peak
- (12) Coast Range Wilderness – Parker Creek
- (13) Coast Range Wilderness – North Fork Alsea River
- (14) Coast Range Wilderness – Table Mountain
- (15) Coast Range Wilderness – Swamp Creek
- (16) Coast Range Wilderness – Bummer Creek
- (17) Coast Range Wilderness – North Fork Trask River
- (18) Coast Range Wilderness – Blue Ridge
- (19) Coast Range Wilderness – Randall Hill
- (20) Mount Hood Wilderness Additions – Little Sandy River

In addition, this form documents the remainder of BLM-administered lands within the Salem District not included within one of the identified wilderness character inventory units.

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** The following areas are grouped in this form based on lack of wilderness characteristics found during previous inventory.

- (1) North Boulder Creek – OR08-2
- (2) Moon Creek – OR08-3

- (3) Toketa Creek – OR08-7
- (4) Molalla Headwaters Dead Horse Canyon – OR08-8
- (5) OR08-10
- (6) Upper Drift Creek – OR08-11
- (7) Bear Creek – OR08-12
- (8) Crabtree Valley – OR08-13
- (9) Lower Quartz Creek – OR08-14
- (10) Eagle Canyon – OR08-15
- (11) Marys Peak – OR08-16
- (12) Parker Creek – OR08-17
- (13) North Fork Alsea River – OR08-18
- (14) Table Mountain – OR08-19
- (15) Swamp Creek – OR08-20
- (16) Bummer Creek – OR08-21
- (17) North Fork Trask River – OR08-22
- (18) Blue Ridge – OR08-23
- (19) Randall Hill – OR08-24
- (20) Little Sandy River – OR08-25

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Salem District, Cascades and Marys Peak Resource Areas, Tillamook Field Office/Resource Area

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: Evaluations done in 2006 for Public Proposal of Roadless Areas

Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
North Boulder Creek OR08-2	No (156)	No	No	No	N/A
Moon Creek OR08-3	No (1,977)	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
Toketa Creek OR08-7	No (75)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Molalla Headwaters Dead Horse Canyon OR08-8	No (1,982)	Yes	No	No	N/A
OR08-10	No (806)	Yes	Yes	No	N/A

Upper Drift Creek OR08-11	No (60)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Bear Creek OR08-12	No (78)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Crabtree Valley OR08-13	No (1,728)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Lower Quartz Creek OR08-14	No (1,272)	No	No	No	N/A
Eagle Creek OR08-15	No (1,223)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Marys Peak OR08-16	No (536)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Parker Creek OR08-17	No (1,647)	Yes	No	No	N/A
North Fork Alsea River OR08-18	No (1,173)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Table Mountain OR08-19	No (94)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Swamp Creek OR08-20	No (1,115)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Bummer Creek OR08-21	No (1,241)	Yes	No	No	N/A
North Fork Trask River OR08-22	No (1,580)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Blue Ridge OR08-23	No (1,192)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Randall Hill OR08-24	No (1,263)	Yes	No	No	N/A
Little Sandy River OR08-25	No (12)	No	No	No	N/A

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

1. Area Unique Identifier: North Boulder Creek, OR08-2	Acreage: 156
2. Area Unique Identifier: Moon Creek, OR08-3	Acreage: 1,977
3. Area Unique Identifier: Toketa Creek, OR08-7	Acreage: 75
4. Area Unique Identifier: Molalla Headwaters Dead Horse Canyon, OR08-8	Acreage: 1,982
5. Area Unique Identifier: OR08-10	Acreage: 806
6. Area Unique Identifier: Upper Drift Creek, OR08-11	Acreage: 60
7. Area Unique Identifier: Bear Creek, OR08-12	Acreage: 78
8. Area Unique Identifier: Crabtree Valley, OR08-13	Acreage: 1,728
9. Area Unique Identifier: Lower Quartz Creek, OR08-14	Acreage: 1,272
10. Area Unique Identifier: Eagle Creek, OR08-15	Acreage: 1,223
11. Area Unique Identifier: Marys Peak, OR08-16	Acreage: 536
12. Area Unique Identifier: Parker Creek, OR08-17	Acreage: 1,647
13. Area Unique Identifier: North Fork Alsea River, OR08-18	Acreage: 1,173
14. Area Unique Identifier: Table Mountain, OR08-19	Acreage: 94
15. Area Unique Identifier: Swamp Creek, OR08-20	Acreage: 1,115
16. Area Unique Identifier: Bummer Creek, OR08-21	Acreage: 1,241
17. Area Unique Identifier: North Fork Trask River, OR08-22	Acreage: 1,580
18. Area Unique Identifier: Blue Ridge, OR08-23	Acreage: 1,192
19. Area Unique Identifier: Randall Hill, OR08-24	Acreage: 1,263
20. Area Unique Identifier: Little Sandy River, OR08-25	Acreage: 12

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 not found to contain wilderness characteristics during the 2006 inventory process. Policy changes to the 6130 Manual in 2011 upholds this finding based on size and no further analysis is needed. 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): See 2006 evaluations for specific unit information.

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): See 2006 evaluations for specific unit information.

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): See 2006 evaluations for specific unit information.

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

Yes

No

N/A

Description:

Summary of Analysis*

1. Area Unique Identifier: North Boulder Creek, OR08-2
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Summary

Results of analysis:

(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(s) meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
 All Units do not meet size requirements or any exceptions allowed under the 2012
 Conducting Wilderness Characteristics Inventory on BLM Lands 6310 Manual.
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

* 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.

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The areas do not have wilderness characteristics.

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