Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation South Gerber Area Interdisciplinary Team Signature Sheet

The following interdisciplinary (ID) team conducted an evaluation of wilderness character within the area. The evaluation included field inventory and an analysis of the routes within the proposed area, as well as an evaluation of the wilderness characteristics within the area. This signature sheet documents the BLM ID Team members that participated in this process along with the member's agreement with the conclusions reached in the road analysis and wilderness character forms completed for the area.

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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final</u> Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Bumpheads/1-149</u>

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions, November, 1980,

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | 18,560 | Ν | Ν | Ν | NA |
| State | 320 | | | | |
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DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-149/Bumpheads

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes <u>X</u> No (16,259 Ac.)

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the Willow Valley County Road, BLM CCC, Big Adobe, and private lands continue to form inventory unit boundaries. In addition, the BLM Bumpheads and Copeland Roads further subdivide the former 1-149 inventory unit into 3 separate units (Map 2). The main portion of the former unit is currently comprised of 16,259 acres of BLM-administered lands and about 40 acres of private in-holdings. The following section documents the inventory findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 5 miles southwest of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The former unit 1-149 was described as containing large flat areas with some rolling hills. Woolen Canyon and the Bumpheads were identified as significant geologic features within the unit. The dominant vegetation consisted of low sagebrush and western juniper, with isolated stands of Ponderosa pine.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the larger 1-149 inventory unit contained 3 fairly large constructed reservoirs, 27 miles of primitive roads and ways intruding into the unit, and 10 miles of fence. The area had also been logged in recent years. The large number of developments were found to be substantially noticeable, indicating the area was not found to be in a natural condition at that time.

Current Condition Description: Currently the unit contains 2 large, constructed reservoirs, 23 constructed livestock waterholes, 32.7 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 22.7 miles of pasture fencing. Since 1980, about 3,514 acres of western juniper has been mechanically sheared, piled, and burned within the north and southeast portions of the unit (Map 3).

The total amount of man-made disturbances and vegetation treatments within the unit has increased greatly since 1980. All of these disturbances are substantially noticeable throughout much of the unit. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the natural character of the area has not improved since 1980 and still does not meet the naturalness criteria.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No <u>X</u>____N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude due to the mostly flat terrain and lack of screening.

Current Condition Description: The topography within the unit has not changed since 1980. In addition, the amount of taller vegetative screening has been reduced due to recent juniper treatments. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980 and are not outstanding.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for recreation due to the lack of natural character.

Current Condition Description: As noted above, the natural character of the unit has not improved since 1980. A large number of primitive motorized routes still intrude into the interior of the unit and provide motorized access and increase the likelyhood of encountering others within the unit.

The unit does offer some opportunities for fishing, camping, hunting, and hiking. However, these opportunities are similar to recreation opportunities provided on surrounding public lands. The area does not offer a single unique primitive recreation opportunity, nor does it provide a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation within the unit have not improved since 1980 and are not outstanding.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>_

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not find any supplemental values within the larger 1-149 unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Bumpheads/OR-014-149

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet the size requirements? X Yes No (16,259 Ac.)

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and

Yes X No NA

___Yes X__No __NA

___Yes __No _X_NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

unconfined type of recreation?

Conclusion (Check One):

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

X The area does not have wilderness character.

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Date

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final</u> Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Bumpheads/1-149</u>

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions, November, 1980,

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | 18,560 | Ν | Ν | Ν | NA |
| State | 320 | | | | |
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DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-149B/Bumpheads East

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes ____ No X_{2} (3,246 Ac)

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the Willow Valley County Road, BLM CCC, Big Adobe, and private lands continue to form inventory unit boundaries. In addition, the BLM Bumpheads and Copeland Roads further subdivide the former 1-149 inventory unit into 3 separate units (Map 2). The east portion is comprised of 3,246 acres of BLM-administered lands and fails to meet the size requirements. The following section documents these findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 4.5 miles south of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The former unit 1-149 was described as containing large flat areas with some rolling hills. The dominant vegetation within the unit consisted of low sagebrush and western juniper, with isolated stands of Ponderosa pine.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the larger 1-149 inventory unit contained 3 fairly large constructed reservoirs, 27 miles of primitive roads and ways intruding into the unit, and 10 miles of fence. The area had also been logged in recent years. The large number of developments were found to be substantially noticeable.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current natural character of these units was not evaluated.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude due to the mostly flat terrain and lack of screening.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for solitude within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for recreation due to the lack of natural character.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for primitive recreation within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not find any supplemental values within the larger 1-149 unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the other wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Bumpheads East/OR-014-149B

Results of Analysis:

| 1. | Does the area mee | t the size requirements? | _Yes $X_No(3,246 \text{ Ac})$ |
|----|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No X NA

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No X NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

Conclusion (Check One):

_ The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness character.

X____The area does not have wilderness character.

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Yes No X NA

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final</u> Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Bumpheads/1-149</u>

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions, November, 1980,

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | 18,560 | Ν | Ν | Ν | NA |
| State | 320 | | | | |
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DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-149C/Bumpheads Northeast

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u>___ (2,295 Ac)

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the Willow Valley County Road, BLM CCC, Big Adobe, and private lands continue to form inventory unit boundaries. In addition, the BLM Bumpheads and Copeland Roads further subdivide the former 1-149 inventory unit into 3 separate units (Map 2). The northeast portion is comprised of 2,295 acres of BLM-administered lands and fails to meet the size requirements. The following section documents these findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 3 miles south of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The former unit 1-149 was described as containing large flat areas with some rolling hills. The dominant vegetation within the unit consisted of low sagebrush and western juniper, with isolated stands of Ponderosa pine.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the larger 1-149 inventory unit contained 3 fairly large constructed reservoirs, 27 miles of primitive roads and ways intruding into the unit, and 10 miles of fence. The area had also been logged in recent years. The large number of developments were found to be substantially noticeable.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current natural character of these units was not evaluated.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No _____ N/A <u>_X</u>____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude due to the mostly flat terrain and lack of screening.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for solitude within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-149 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for recreation due to the lack of natural character.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for primitive recreation within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not find any supplemental values within the larger 1-149 unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the other wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Bumpheads Northeast/OR-014-149C

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet the size requirements? Yes X No (2,295 Ac)

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes <u>Yes</u> <u>No X</u> NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

Yes No X NA

Yes No X NA

Conclusion (Check One):

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

_X__The area does not have wilderness character.

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DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and</u> <u>Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and</u> <u>Washington, April 1979.</u>

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Willow Valley Reservoir/1-152

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):_U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, April 1979.

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | 9,700 | Ν | Ν | Ν | NA |
| State | 640 | | | | |
| Private | 320 | | | | |

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-152/Willow Valley Reservoir

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes <u>X</u> No (9,568 acres)

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the Willow Valley County Road, BLM CCC, Willow Valley, Brady Butte, Timber Hill, and private lands continue to form inventory unit boundaries (Map 2). The inventory unit is very similar in shape to that inventoried in 1979 and is currently comprised of 9,568 acres of BLM-administered lands. The following section documents the inventory findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 8 miles south of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The former unit 1-152 was described as containing flat areas on the west near Willow Valley Reservoir to low hills on the east. The dominant vegetation varied from sagebrush and western juniper on the west, to western juniper with stands of Ponderosa pine on the east.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the inventory unit contained a BLM road (Duncan-Notch) completely crossing the middle of the unit from north to south. The previous inventory also noted that the large constructed (Willow Valley) reservoir, roads, and in-holdings within the unit significantly affected the natural conditions within the unit. The unit was not found to be in a natural condition at that time.

Current Condition Description: Currently the unit contains 1 large, constructed reservoir (Willow Valley), at least 16 constructed livestock waterholes, 11.7 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 14.8 miles of pasture fencing. In addition, one radio tower site exists on Brady Butte on the eastern border of the unit and a developed boat ramp and parking area exists on the west side of Willow Valley Reservoir. Since 1980, about 2,511 acres of western juniper has been mechanically sheared, piled, and burned within the northern half of the unit. An additional 158 acres of western juniper has been handcut, piled, and burned within the northern and southwest portions of the unit. Approximately 3,500 acres of the eastern half of the unit has been under-burned in recent years (**Map 3**).

The total amount of man-made disturbances and vegetation treatments within the unit has increased greatly since 1980. All of these disturbances are substantially noticeable throughout much of the unit. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the natural character of the area has not improved since 1980 and still does not meet the naturalness criteria.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the large constructed reservoir, roads, and in-holdings within the unit significantly affected the opportunities for solitude within the unit.

Current Condition Description: The topography within the unit has not changed since 1980. Though the in-holdings are no longer an issue, a large number of primitive motorized routes still intrude into the interior of the unit and provide motorized access and increase the likelihood of encountering others within the unit. In addition, the amount of taller vegetative screening has been reduced across large portions of the unit due to recent juniper treatments. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the solitude opportunities have not improved since 1980 and are not outstanding.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory found that the large constructed reservoir, roads, and in-holdings within the unit significantly affected the opportunities for primitive recreation within the unit.

Current Condition Description: In-holdings are no longer an issue within the unit. The unit does offer some opportunities for fishing, camping, hunting, and hiking. However, these opportunities are similar to recreation opportunities provided on surrounding public lands. The area does not offer a single unique primitive recreation opportunity, nor does it provide a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities.

For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation within the unit have not improved since 1980 and are not outstanding.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>_

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not find any supplemental values within the unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Willow Valley Reservoir/OR-014-152

Results of Analysis:

| 1. | Does the area meet the | he size requirer | ments? | <u>X</u> Yes | No | (9,568 acres) |
|----|------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|----|---------------|
| | | | | | | |

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes X No NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

Conclusion (Check One):

_ The area-or a portion of the area-has wilderness character.

X__The area does not have wilderness character.

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Yes X No NA

Yes No X NA

DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD

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

No <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and</u> <u>Islands which clearly do not have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and</u> <u>Washington, April 1979</u>

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Horse Camp Rim/1-154</u>

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):__U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, April 1979.

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | 8,900 | Ν | N | Ν | NA |
| Private | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | |

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-154B/Horse Camp Rim South

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No $X_{4,263 \text{ acres}}$

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the BLM Alkali Springs, CCC, Horse Camp, and Mainhaul roads, and private lands continue to form inventory unit boundaries. In addition, the BLM Horse Camp Road cuts the former inventory unit in half (Map 2). The south half is comprised of 4,263 acres of BLM-administered lands and fails to meet the size requirements. The following section documents these findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 19 miles south of Bly, Oregon, and approximately 6 miles southeast of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The terrain is a high plateau with some rims. Pondersosa pine, sagebrush, and juniper are the dominant vegetation types.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-154 inventory unit had 3 reservoirs and several roads entering or crossing the unit. The area had also been logged in recent years. The works of man were found to be dominant within the majority of the unit and, therefore, it did not meet the naturalness criteria.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current natural character of the unit was not evaluated.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No _____ N/A <u>_X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-154 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for solitude within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the larger 1-154 unit did not offer an outstanding opportunity for recreation.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria, the current opportunities for primitive recreation within the smaller unit was not evaluated.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>_

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not evaluate supplemental values within the larger 1-154 unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the other wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Horse Camp Rim South/OR-014-154B

Results of Analysis:

| 1. Does the area meet the size requirements? | Yes <u>X</u> No (4,263 acres) |
|--|-------------------------------|
| | |
| 2. Does the area appear to be natural? | YesNo <u>X_</u> NA |

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____Yes ___No _X_NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

Conclusion (Check One):

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

X The area does not have wilderness character.

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Date

Yes No X NA

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 Yes ____ (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final</u> Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980, and Wilderness Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington, April 1979.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): No Name/No Number

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions, November, 1980, and U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon, Proposed Initial Inventory, Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics, April 1979.

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
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DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-014-180/Langell Valley

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes <u>X</u> No (5,094 acres)

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2007. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that the Willow Valley County Road, BLM Willow Valley Road, an unnumbered road, private lands, and the Modoc National Forest boundary form the inventory unit boundaries (Map 2). The inventory unit is comprised of 6,363 acres of BLM-administered lands. However, about 1,269 acres of this area is withdrawn by the Bureau of Reclamation for the Malone Dam impoundment on Lost River. The total are within the unit currently managed by the BLM is approximately 5,094 acres. The following section documents the inventory findings in more detail.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The unit is located about 10 miles southwest of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, just to the north of the Oregon-California border on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1).

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not identify this area as an inventory unit or evaluate the natural character of the area.

Current Condition Description: The unit has relatively flat topography. Much of the unit is dominated by sagebrush and western juniper vegetation. The Lost River flows through the very southwest corner of the unit.

Currently the unit contains a portion of the constructed irrigation impoundment on the Lost River, at least 8 constructed livestock waterholes, 11.6 miles of primitive motorized routes, and 10.9 miles of pasture fencing.

About 1,427 acres of western juniper has been mechanically treated by chaining in the southwest portion of the unit. An additional 274 acres of western juniper has been handcut, piled, and burned within the southeastern portions of the unit. (Map 3).

The total amount of man-made disturbances and vegetation treatments within the unit are substantially noticeable throughout much of the unit. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the natural character of the area does not meet the naturalness criteria.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No <u>X</u>___ N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not identify this area as an inventory unit or evaluate the opportunities for solitude within the unit.

Current Condition Description: The flat topography within the unit does not provide screening. The large number of primitive motorized routes intrude into the interior of the unit and provide motorized access and increase the likelyhood of encountering others within the unit. In addition, the amount of taller vegetative screening has been reduced across large portions of the unit due to recent juniper treatments. For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the solitude opportunities are not outstanding.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No <u>X</u> N/A _____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not identify this area as an inventory unit or evaluate the opportunities for primitive recreation within the unit.

Current Condition Description: The unit does offer some opportunities for fishing, camping, hunting, and hiking. However, these opportunities are similar to recreation opportunities provided on surrounding public lands. The area does not offer a single unique primitive recreation opportunity, nor does it provide a unique diversity of primitive recreation opportunities.

For these reasons, the BLM ID team finds that the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation are not outstanding.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory did not identify this area as an inventory unit or evaluate the supplemental values within the unit.

Current Condition Description: Since the unit does not currently meet the minimum wilderness criteria, the current supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Langell Valley/OR-014-180

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet the size requirements? X Yes No (5,094 acres)

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes X No NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?

Yes No X NA

Yes X No NA

Conclusion (Check One):

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

X The area does not have wilderness character.

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Inventory Unit Number/Name: 6 Unnumbered Units/South Gerber

Year: <u>2009</u> <u>Area</u>

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 <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.)

a) Inventory Source: <u>Wilderness Inventory: Oregon and Washington Final</u> Intensive Inventory Decisions, November 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): <u>Multiple Unnumbered/Unnamed Units</u>

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):_U.S. Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management Oregon: Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decisions, November, 1980_

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

| Ownership | Size (historic acres) | Natural Condition? Y/N | Outstanding Solitude? Y/N | Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N | Supplemental Values? Y/N |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BLM | < 5,000 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Private | 0 | | | | |
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DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: 6 Unnumbered Units/South Gerber Area

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes _____ No <u>_X</u>___

<u>Boundary Determination:</u> In the summer of 2006, BLM staff conducted fieldwork to update its road inventory for this area. In addition, a contractor conducted road condition assessments for maintenance level 3 and 4 roads in the area in 2006 and 2006. This field work included some photo documentation of the roads. Additional photos were collected in 2009. Road analysis forms were completed for the area using this updated road data, photos, and staff field knowledge. A BLM inter-disciplinary (ID) team reviewed the road analyses and confirmed the wilderness inventory unit boundary determinations within the area. The results of the route analysis are documented in the road analysis forms contained in the wilderness evaluation file.

The ID team determined that Willow Valley County Road, and BLM Alkali Springs, Big Adobe, Brady Butte, Bumpheads, CCC, Copeland, Dog Hollow, Holbrook, Horse Camp Rim, Horse Camp, Mainhaul, Timber Hill, and Willow Valley Roads, several constructed unnumbered roads, and private lands formed numerous inventory unit boundaries in the area (Map 2). On the basis of these boundary determinations, the ID team found 4 inventory units of BLM-administered lands that met the minimum size requirements (greater than 5,000 acres) and 9 units that did not. The following section collectively documents 6 of the units that failed to meet the size requirements. The other units are evaluated separately.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The 6 units are located from approximately 3 to 13 miles south of Gerber Reservoir, in southeastern Klamath County, Oregon, on lands locally referred to as the Gerber Block (Map 1). The units are identified with an ID number of OR-014-0000 (Map 2).

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A _X___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the unnumbered units in this area did not meet the minimum size criteria and did not evaluate them further for other wilderness characteristics.

Current Condition Description: These 6 units do not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria. For this reason, the current natural character of these units was not evaluated.

(3) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>____

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the units in this area did not meet the minimum size criteria and did not evaluate them further for other wilderness characteristics.

Current Condition Description: These 6 units do not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria. For this reason, the current opportunities for solitude were not evaluated.

(4) Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ No ____ N/A <u>X</u>___

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the units in this area did not meet the minimum size criteria and did not evaluate them further for other wilderness characteristics.

Current Condition Description: These 6 units do not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria. For this reason, the current opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation were not evaluated.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No ____ NA <u>X</u>_

Previous Inventory Unit Description: The previous inventory determined that the units in this area did not meet the minimum size criteria and did not evaluate them further for other wilderness characteristics.

Current Condition Description: These 6 units do not currently meet the minimum size criteria or any of the exceptions to the size criteria. For this reason, the supplemental values were not evaluated.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 6 Unnumbered Units/South Gerber Area

Results of Analysis:

| 1. Does the area meet the size requirements? | Yes X No |
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2. Does the area appear to be natural? ____Yes ___No X_NA

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ____Yes ___No _X_NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values? ____Yes ___No _X_NA

Conclusion (Check One):

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

X The areas do not have wilderness character.

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Map 1 - Wilderness Character Evaluation Area





Map 2 - Wilderness Character Inventory Units in the Gerber Block Area





Map 3 - Human Developments and Treatments in Inventory Units in the Gerber Block Area

