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H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

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Year: 2009 **Unit Number/Name:** OR-034-027 -- Broken Rim

**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?

Yes No (If yes, and if more than one unit is within the area, list the names of those units.):

A.) Inventory Source(s) -- (X) Denotes all applicable BLM Inventory files, printed maps, or published BLM Decision documents with information pertaining to this unit.

Wilderness Inventories

- (X) 1978 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Units 3-51 of OR-03-04-02 Broken Rim (unpublished BLM documents in case files)
- () April 1979 – *Wilderness -- Proposed Initial Inventory – Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington*

Wilderness Decision Documents

- () August 1979 – *Wilderness Review – Initial Inventory, Final Decision on Public Lands Obviously Lacking Wilderness Characteristics and Announcement of Public Lands to be Intensively Inventoried for Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington* (green document)
- () October 1979 – *Wilderness Review – Intensive Inventory - Oregon, Proposed Decision on the Intensive Wilderness Inventory of Selected Areas* (grey document).
- (X) March 1980 – *Wilderness Review – Intensive Inventory; Final Decisions on 30 Selected Units in Southeast Oregon and Proposed Decisions on Other Intensively Inventoried Units in Oregon and Washington* (orange document)
- (X) November 1980 - *Wilderness Inventory – Oregon and Washington, Final Intensive Inventory Decisions* (brown document)
- () November 1981 *Stateline Intensive Wilderness Inventory Final Decision, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah* (tan document).

B.) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s)

BLM 3-51 of OR-03-04-02 Broken Rim.

C.) Map Name(s)/Number(s)

- Final Decision – Initial Wilderness Inventory Map, August 1979, Oregon
- Proposed Decision -- Intensive Wilderness Inventory of Selected Areas Map, October 1979, Oregon
- Intensive Wilderness Inventory Map, March 1980, Oregon
- Intensive Wilderness Inventory --Final Decisions Map, November 1980, Oregon
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D.) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s)

Vale District Office/ Malheur Field Office

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):

Inventory Source: See above.

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
3-51 of OR-03-04-02 Broken Rim	10,800	Y	N	N	N
TOTAL	10,800				

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FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

Unit Number/Name: OR-034-027 – Broken Rim

Note: In February, 2004, the Vale District received from Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) its evaluation of wilderness characteristics for what ONDA names its 92,556-acre “Freezeout Ridge Proposed WSA”. For reference, a hard copy of ONDA’s proposal is retained in this unit’s file. Information provided by ONDA’s proposal was considered and incorporated as appropriate for this BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory maintenance. OR-034-027 represents only a portion (26,179 acres) of ONDA’s proposal (see Map 1 of BLM’s unit OR-034-027). ONDA’s proposal includes basically five 1970’s BLM inventory units (3-52, 3-310, 3-51, 3-50, and 3-65) which, respectively, are currently associated with the following BLM Wilderness Characteristic Inventory maintenance units: OR-034-026, OR-034-030, OR-034-027, OR-034-028, and OR-034-045.

For BLM unit OR-034-027, the differences between BLM and ONDA regarding inventory unit boundary features are that, unlike ONDA’s proposal, BLM concludes that BLM routes 7326-0-00 and 034-RT35 (ONDA’s route W15), 7326-0-0A0 (ONDA route W14a), and 7322-0-100 (ONDA’s route W3a) are roads (not motorized primitive trails [or which what ONDA terms a “way”]). Refer to each of four Road Analysis forms and associated BLM Photo Points Map/Log and photos associated with this BLM inventory unit for additional documentation.

Description of Current Conditions: [Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities.]

1. Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Description: Refer to this inventory unit’s associated Map 1 for its location. The 26,179 acre unit extends further to the north than the original BLM unit (3-51 of OR-03-04-02, Broken Rim) of the latter 1970’s. Then, the north boundary was near an east-west rangeland fence line. Presently, no late 1970’s BLM wilderness inventory records for the public lands located north of this fence line can be located. This northern area (of approximately 15,300 acres) is included in this current OR-034-027 unit. The unit’s boundaries consist of BLM roads -- 7326-0-00 on its north end, 7326-0-00, 034-RT-35 and 7326-0-0A0 on its east side, and 7322-0-100 on its west side. These last two road systems merge at the unit’s south tip. These BLM roads receive mechanical maintenance as needed to keep them passable on a relatively regular and continuous (seasonal) basis. A 2,480-acre State/private inholding (associated with the southern third of the unit and nearly dissects the unit’s width) and three other private inholdings totaling 440 acres are also features of the unit’s boundary.

2. Is the unit in a natural condition?Yes X No

Description: The northern portion includes rough, sharply eroded slopes. There is one central ridgeline associated with most of the unit. The ridge rises 1,000 feet in about 1.5 miles. Elevations range from 2,480 to 5,100 feet. The central area of the unit is comprised of rolling lands surrounding a relatively flat area. The central ridge widens in this area, and the west boundary crosses it. The east boundary is at the bottom of the ridge, in an area known as Sand Hollow. The south end of the unit forms part of the northern slopes of a large basin. The vegetation is sagebrush and both native and nonnative grasses.

See this unit's associated Maps 1 and 2 for human imprints. There are 19 earthen reservoirs in the unit, the majority in draws on either side of the central ridge. The conspicuous Freezeout Reservoir is near the south boundary. The unit has 24.7 miles of rangeland fence, 4 rangeland fence enclosures, 4 developed springs, and 9.6 miles of 8 motorized primitive trails (MPTs). There is remnant visual evidence of one (3.9 miles) abandoned vehicle route. Presently, to the average visitor, the various vegetation treatments affecting the unit between 1964 and 1992 appear –individually and collectively – indistinguishable. Due to the presence of the ridgeline through most of the unit which provides some visual screening, and the wide distribution of, distances between, and the types/nature of the human developments within the unit relative to the unit's size, when considered individually and collectively, the developments' presence result in the unit appearing to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of humans substantially unnoticeable to the average visitor.

BLM documents the presence of the 8 MPTs within this BLM unit for which no ONDA documentation is provided or a given route depicted by ONDA as present but without supporting inventory information. ONDA's proposal does not quantify or indicate location of other known man-made features of its proposed WSA while concluding that it appears primarily affected by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable. For comparative reference, refer to this BLM unit's associated Maps 1 and 2 and to ONDA's proposal map, all located in this unit's inventory file folder.

3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?Yes X No N/A

Description: The unit is approximately 15 miles long and ranges in width between one mile at its north and south ends and up to 4 miles elsewhere in the unit, a norm of about 2-2.5 miles. The short profile, types, density and distribution of vegetation types do not provide sufficient screening between visitors to contribute to outstanding opportunities for solitude. The presence of the large inholding nearly dissects the unit's northern three-

quarters from its southern quarter. Although this results in a narrow configuration of the unit in its southern reaches, the characteristics of the unit's diverse topography in combination with the increased size (of about 15,300 acres) of the unit from the 1970's does allow for outstanding opportunities of solitude. The unit offers outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

Description: There are opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, photography, general sightseeing, and hunting of common game species (primarily deer, chukar and antelope). Individually or collectively, these opportunities are not outstanding. There are no unique sights or attractions within the unit. On foot, the unit's width can be crossed in two hours; it would likely be a full day's activity to hike the unit's length. In recognition of afore stated features and characteristics of this inventory unit, primitive and unconfined recreation activity opportunities within the unit do not lend themselves to being outstanding.

ONDA states that due to its substantially larger size, its "Freezeout Ridge Proposed WSA" possesses outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation. ONDA also states that BLM indicated the 1970's BLM units "were not listed outstanding because each of the separate units was too small in size or too narrow". In the 1970's, BLM did not recognize any of its five inventory units affected presently by ONDA's proposal as possessing outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation; nor do the present inventory units affecting ONDA's proposal possess outstanding opportunities. BLM makes no determination of whether larger size – alone as ONDA contends and/or considering other possible attributes – equates to outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation within ONDA's "Freezeout Ridge Proposed WSA". As in the past, even when accounting for the present increased size of the unit from the 1970's, public lands associated with the current unit OR-034-027 do not possess outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation for reasons stated in the opening paragraph, above.

ONDA indicates the presence of riparian zones and sage-steppe habitats within its proposed WSA provide outstanding opportunities for wildlife viewing, bird watching and hunting. BLM does not agree that the mere presence of these habitat types within the unit equates to outstanding opportunities for wildlife viewing, bird watching or hunting. While recognizing the presence of varying wildlife/bird habitat niche settings within the BLM inventory unit for viewing and hunting, (e.g., a major ridgeline, rolling terrain, some substantially flat area, and spring sites), BLM has determined the unit's habitats are not so unique or otherwise possess features –individually or collectively--which result in these recreation activities being outstanding within the inventory unit.

5. Does the unit have supplemental values?Yes X No N/A

Description: Much of the southern two-thirds of the unit has native shrub steppe plant communities at their potential natural condition. Map 1 displays within the unit the present documentation of 5 sage grouse leks and 3 sites of Biddle’s Lupine (a BLM special status plant species). Kane Springs harbors the Owyhee Hot Springs Snail, a BLM special status animal species, with a Strategic classification with the Interagency Special Status Sensitive Species Program.

ONDA states that its proposed Freezeout Ridge WSA “may also be home to Mojave Black-collared Lizard, Desert Horned Lizard, Ground Snake, Ferruginous Hawk, Pygmy Rabbit, and White-tailed Antelope Squirrel,” which ONDA’s February 2004 submission to the Vale District declares are listed as “sensitive species” by the State of Oregon. As of 2009, the Mohave Black-collard Lizard, Desert Horned Lizard, Ground Snake and the White-tailed Antelope Squirrel were not considered sensitive by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, BLM, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. BLM has documented the occurrence of Ferruginous Hawks within this unit. BLM also acknowledges that habitat requirements may exist for the Mojave Black-collared Lizard, Desert Horned Lizard, Ground Snake, Pygmy Rabbit, and White-tailed Antelope Squirrel; however, neither ONDA nor any other entity has provided BLM official documentation confirming the presence of these species within this inventory unit.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: OR-034-027 – Broken Rim

Summary Results of Analysis:


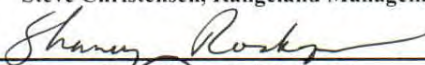

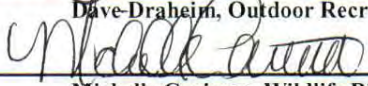
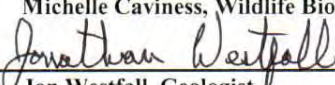
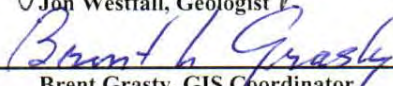
1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No NA

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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(NOTE: Previous staff members who reviewed this unit include Botanist Jean Finley (retired 7/2008), and Wildlife Biologist Technician Sandy Vistine-Ambor (transferred 8/2008)).

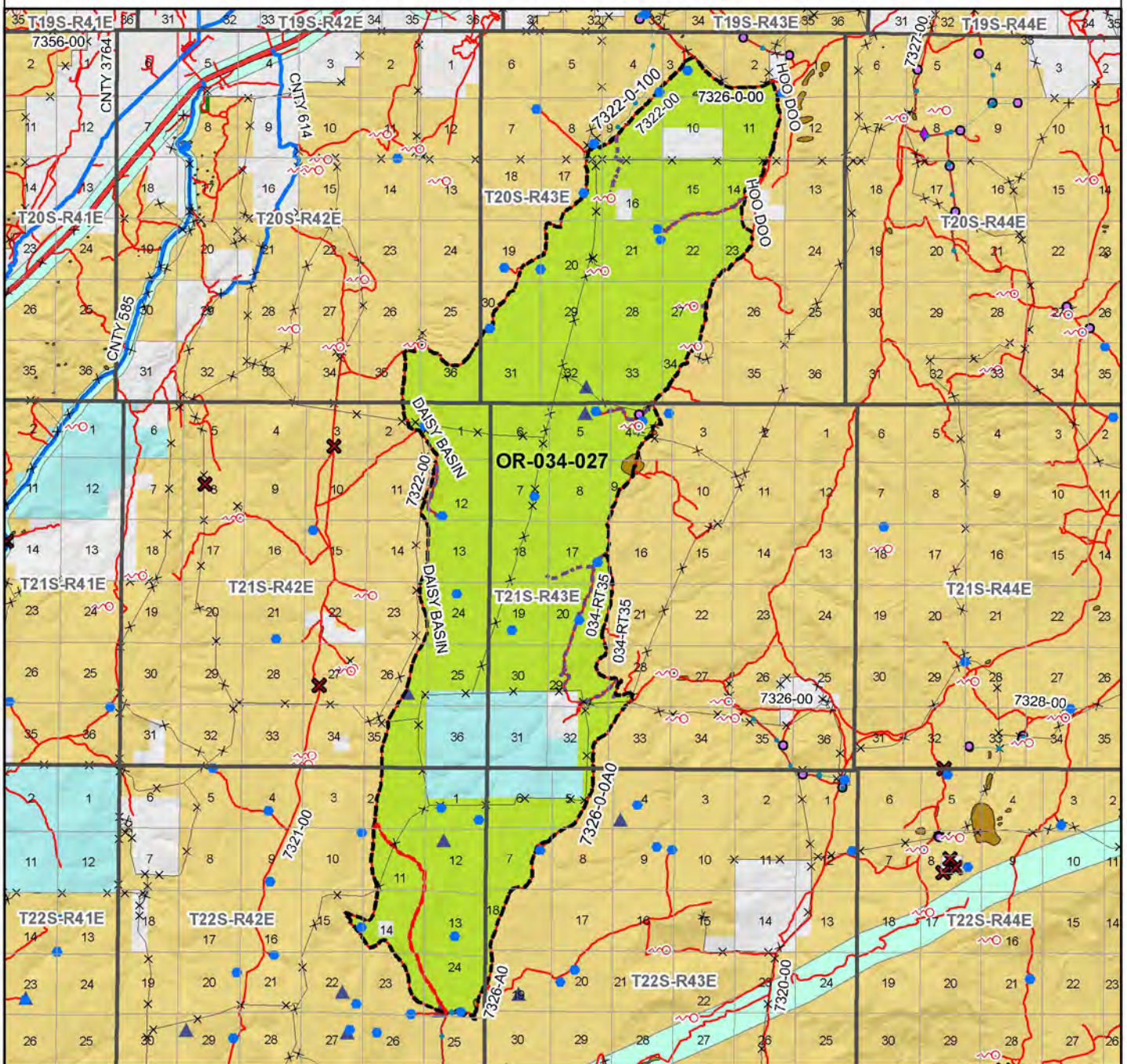
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3/30/2010
 Date

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.

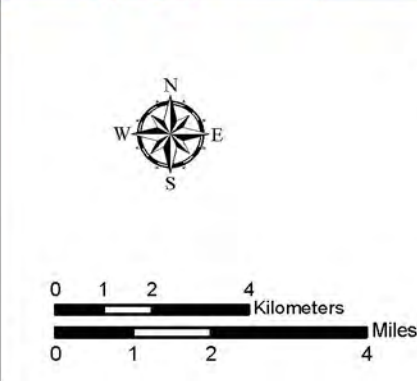
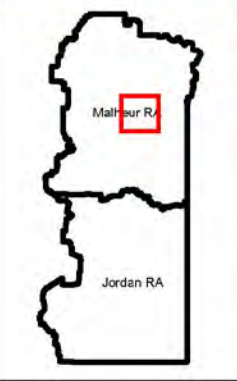
Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

Broken Rim - OR-034-027 - Map 1 of 2



Legend

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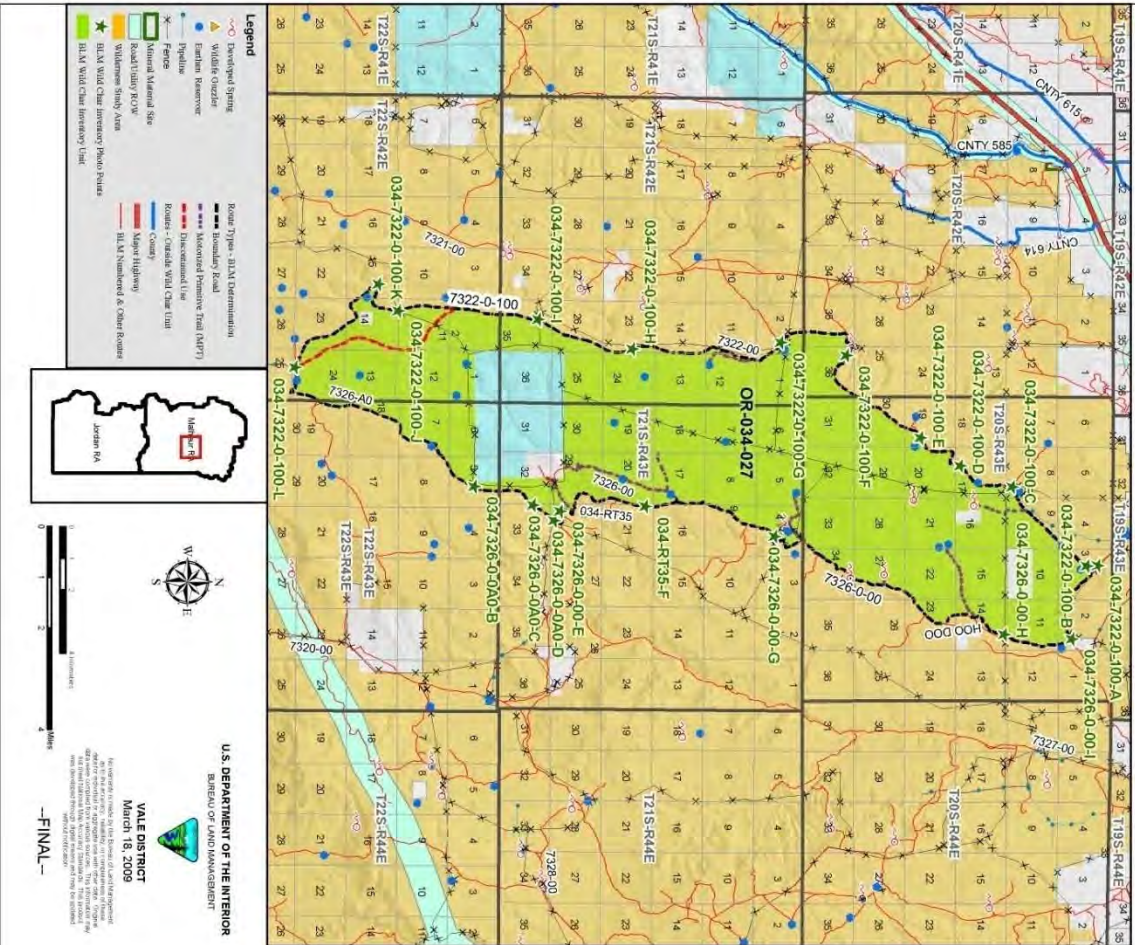
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**Wilderness Characteristics - BLM Photo Points
Broken Rim - OR-034-027**



**Wilderness Characteristics - BLM Photo Points
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PHOTO LOCATION*	DIRECTION	PHOTO_TYPE	PHOTO_DATE	COMMENTS
034-7322-0-100-A	SW	Route	20080620	Vehicle usage.
034-7322-0-100-B	E	Route	20080620	Speed limit sign, berms, visible vehicle usage.
034-7322-0-100-B	NE	Route	20080620	Speed limit sign, berms, visible usage.
034-7322-0-100-C	W	Route	20080620	Divert, visible usage.
034-7322-0-100-C	N	Route	20080620	Divert
034-7322-0-100-C	S	Route	20080620	Gravel on route.
034-7322-0-100-D	NE	Route	20080620	Divert
034-7322-0-100-D	NW	Route	20080620	Divert
034-7322-0-100-D	SE	Route	20080620	Visible vehicle usage.
034-7322-0-100-D	SW	Route	20080620	Cattle guard and cattle fence. Visible rd usage.
034-7322-0-100-E	NE	Route	20080620	Cattle guard, visible vehicle usage.
034-7322-0-100-F	S	Route	20080620	Abandoned cabin
034-7322-0-100-F	NW	Route	20080620	Visible usage.
034-7322-0-100-G	S	Route	20080620	Cattle gate, visible route use.
034-7322-0-100-G	SW	Route	20080620	Route use, cattle fence.
034-7322-0-100-H	S	Route	20080620	Signs of route use, cattle fence.
034-7322-0-100-H	N	Route	20080620	Sign of route use.
034-7322-0-100-I	N	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use, cattle gate.
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034-7322-0-100-J	S	Route	20080620	Cattle gate.
034-7322-0-100-K	N	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
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034-7328-0-00-A-C	W	Route	20080620	Berms
034-7328-0-00-A-C	SW	Route	20080620	OR-034-027-C-W, Scenery
034-7328-0-00-A-C	S	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
034-RT35-F	N	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
034-RT35-F	S	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
034-7328-0-00-G	N	Route	20080620	Cattle guard, fence, signs of vehicle use.
034-7328-0-00-G	N	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
034-7328-0-00-G	S	Route	20080620	Cattleguard, fence, signs of vehicle use.
034-7328-0-00-H	N	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use. Speed limit sign, 25mph.
034-7328-0-00-H	S	Route	20080620	Intersection, signs of vehicle use.
034-7328-0-00-I	W	Route	20080620	Signs of vehicle use.
034-7322-0-100-A	E	Route	20080620	None
034-7328-0-00-A-D	N	Route	20080620	Cattle gate fencing, visible signs of use (tracks)
034-7328-0-00-A-D	S	Route	20080620	Used corral, rancher's truck and trailer
034-7328-0-00-E	E	Route	20080620	Visible signs of use (vehicle tracks)
034-7328-0-00-E	N	Route	20080620	Divert
034-7328-0-00-E	S	Route	20080620	Gravel on road
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Note: The BLM Wild Char PhotoPoints displayed on the map are labeled with their Photo Locations. The BLM Photo Log table shown above lists the photos taken at their respective Photo Locations. Multiple photos may be taken at each Photo Location. Scenery and Project Photo Type pictures have their photo names provided in the Comments field.

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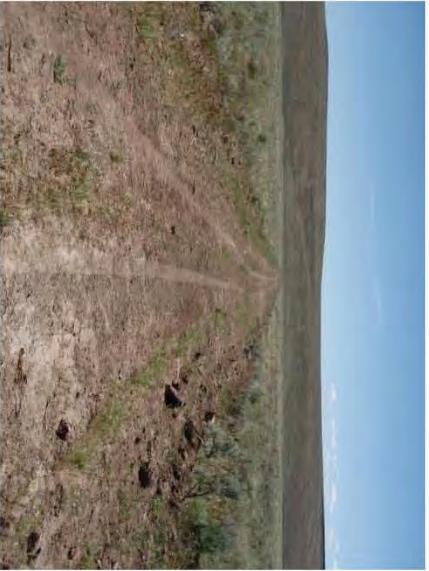
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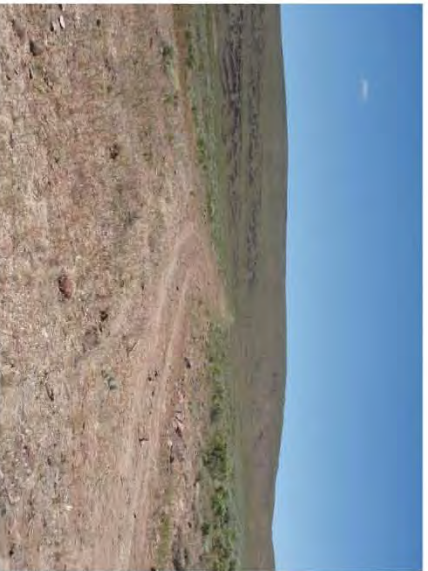
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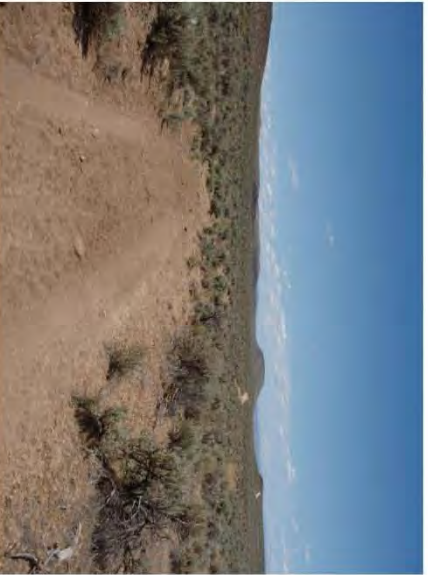
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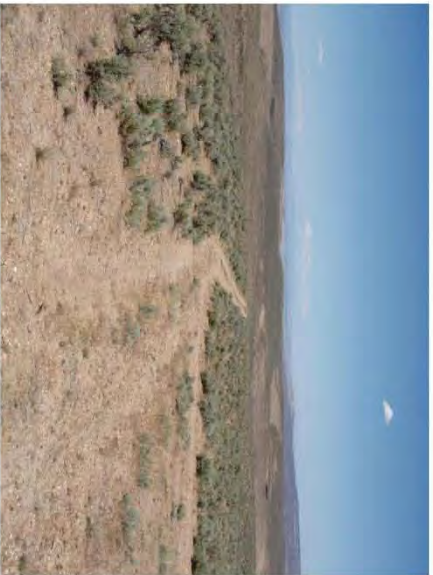


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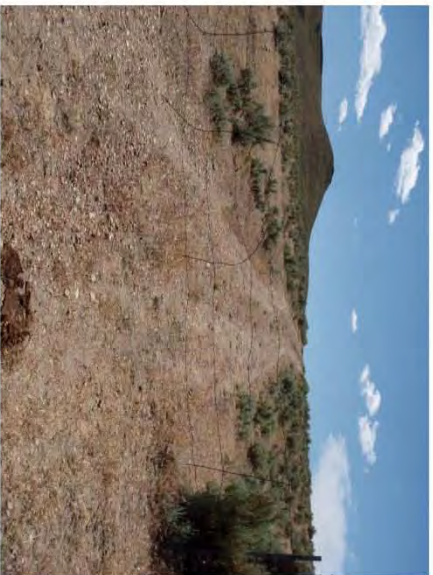
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**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Unit Name/Number: OR-034-027 – Broken Rim

NOTE: This unit is affected by ONDA’s Freezeout Ridge proposed WSA.

Route Name and/or Identifier (*Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known; include route number supplied by citizen information when available*):

BLM 7322-0-100

(This route is identified by ONDA as its “W3a way” (i.e., motorized primitive trail).

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map (entire West boundary route of this unit). **List photo point references (if applicable):** Refer to this BLM inventory unit’s associated hard copy of its BLM Photo Points map, and affiliated Photo Log and photos -- retained in this unit’s permanent hard copy file, and electronically retained under this unit’s subfolder Final Findings/GIS Products. Any applicable ONDA map, photos and affiliated Photo Log are electronically retained under Wilderness Characteristics/Citizen Proposals.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:
(Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).)

Describe: This is a main access route which provides needed ongoing and regular access to rangeland/livestock improvements (spring developments and reservoir enclosures) by allotment permittees and the BLM for management of livestock, maintenance of the projects, and monitoring of associated activities. This route also provides access to the Daisy Basin area, popular for hunting and vehicle-supported camping.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route?

Yes _____ No X Unknown _____

IV. CONSTRUCTION:Yes No _____Examples: Paved _____ Bladed Graveled _____ Roadside
Berms _____ Cut/Fill Other _____

Describe: In 1978, BLM identified this as a “road” between other BLM wilderness inventory units. Original date of route construction is unknown, but its construction did occur prior to the District’s late 1970’s wilderness characteristics inventory. Evidence of blading presently is not specifically distinguishable from blading that may have occurred during original construction, and may more so be evidence of periodic maintenance since the route’s construction.

V. IMPROVEMENTS:Yes No _____

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples: Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges _____
Drainage _____ Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: A hardened crossing was completed by BLM on Cabin Creek during the last road maintenance cycle. There is a culvert on the crossing approximately in section 4 on the north end of this route.

VI. MAINTENANCE:

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No _____

If yes: Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N)

Explain: This route received mechanical maintenance (blading) by BLM within the past 5 years between Photo Points (PP) A & F. Budget allowing, BLM intends to provide such maintenance as needed to insure provision for regular and continuous use. Further, maintenance has been conducted on this route since ONDA took photos of this route.

B. If the route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Explain: From PP’s F to L (as with between PP A – F), BLM would approve mechanical maintenance actions to provide for seasonally regular and continuous use over time for those BLM administrative and public access purposes described under “II”, above.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes X No _____

Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis:

From its origin (PP A) SW 7321-0-0A0, to the intersection with a primary route going West at T20S, R42E, Sec. 35 NENE, this is a very significant route. It is used to travel between Little Valley and Harper without having to get onto U.S. Highway 20. BLM personnel and grazing permittees use this route many times throughout the summer to maintain projects, administer grazing, and access other areas.

From junction with 7321-0-0A0 South to the terminus, this route provides access during various periods of the year to popular concentrated hunting and camping sites associated with Freezeout Ridge and Daisy Basin area, and use this route many times throughout the summer to maintain projects, administer grazing, and access other areas.

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes X No _____

Explanation: Meets criteria of road, as described and explained, above.

Evaluator(s): Shaney Rockefeller Date: 4/6/09
Shaney Rockefeller, Soil Scientist

Steve Christensen Date: 4-6-2009
Steve Christensen, Rangeland Management Specialist

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a. **“Improved and maintained”** – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

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c. **“Relatively regular and continuous use”** – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

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“The word ‘roadless’ refers to the absence of roads which have been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.”

The BLM previously adopted and will continue to use the following sub-definitions of certain words and phrases in the BLM road definition stated above:

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A road that was established or has been maintained solely by the passage of vehicles would not be considered a road, even if it is used on a relatively regular and continuous basis. Vehicle roads constructed by mechanical means but that are no longer being maintained by mechanical methods are not roads. Sole use of hands and feet to move rocks or dirt without the use of tools or machinery does not meet the definition of “mechanical means.” Roads need not be “maintained” on a regular basis but rather “maintained” when road conditions warrant actions to keep it in a usable condition. A dead-end (cherry-stem) road can form the boundary of an inventory area and does not by itself disqualify an area from being considered “roadless”.

**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Unit Name/Number: OR-034-027 – Broken Rim

NOTE: This unit is affected by ONDA’s Freezeout Ridge proposed WSA.

Route Name and/or Identifier (*Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known; include route number supplied by citizen information when available*):

BLM 7326-0-0A0

(This route is identified by ONDA as its “W14a way” (i.e., MPT).

IX. LOCATION: Refer to the attached map (is the route associated with the BLM inventory unit’s southeastern boundary and which abuts BLM’s unit OR-034-030, Sourdough Mountain). **List photo point references (if applicable):** Refer to this BLM inventory unit’s associated hard copy of its BLM Photo Points map, and affiliated Photo Log and photos -- retained in this unit’s permanent hard copy file, and electronically retained under this unit’s subfolder Final Findings/GIS Products. Any applicable ONDA map, photos and affiliated Photo Log are electronically retained under Wilderness Characteristics/Citizen Proposals.

X. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

(Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).)

Describe: This route provides needed ongoing and regular access to rangeland/livestock improvements (fences and earthen reservoir developments) by allotment permittees and the BLM for management of livestock, maintenance of the projects, and BLM monitoring of associated activities. Also, this route provides for regular and continuous use for concentrated recreational camping activities associated with the Sourdough area.

XI. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route?

Yes _____ No X Unknown _____

XII. CONSTRUCTIONYes No Examples: Paved _____ Bladed Graveled _____ Roadside
Berms Cut/Fill Other _____

Describe: Date of construction is unknown but occurred prior to the BLM's late 1970's wilderness characteristics inventory. Evidence of the above actions are visually apparent, although blading and of berms of pushed rock may more so be associated with maintenance activities since its construction.

XIII. IMPROVEMENTSYes No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples: Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____
Drainage _____ Barriers _____ Other _____**Describe:****XIV. MAINTENANCE:****A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?** Yes No If yes: Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N)

Explain: Evidence of blading and berms are visually present. This route receives mechanical maintenance as needed to allow for regular and continuous use.

B. If the route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?Yes No

Comments: This route is recognized by the BLM as a primary access route to a number of range improvement projects and is recognized as a significant access route for rangeland administration and public access.

XV. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:Yes X No _____

Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis:

BLM personnel and permittees use this route throughout the summer as one of two access routes for projects on public and private, to administer grazing, and for access to other areas (e.g. Sourdough). This route provides access during various portions of the year to concentrated camping sites associated with the Sourdough area.

XVI. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes X No _____

Explanation: Meets criteria for road, as described and explained, above.

Evaluator(s): Shaney Rockefeller Date: 4/6/09
Shaney Rockefeller, Soil Scientist

Steve Christensen Date: 4-6-2009
Steve Christensen, Rangeland Management Specialist

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The BLM previously adopted and will continue to use the following sub-definitions of certain words and phrases in the BLM road definition stated above:

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IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Unit Name/Number: OR-034-027 – Broken Rim

NOTE: This unit is affected by ONDA’s “Freezeout Ridge proposed WSA”.

Route Name and/or Identifier (*Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known; include route number supplied by citizen information when available*):

BLM 7326-0-00

(This route constitutes ONDA’s routes “W15” and “W14a”. ONDA identifies both to be a “way” (i.e., motorized primitive trail).

XVII. LOCATION: Refer to the attached map (is the east boundary route of this BLM inventory unit). **List photo point references (if applicable):** Refer to this BLM inventory unit’s associated hard copy of its BLM Photo Points map, and affiliated Photo Log and photos -- retained in this unit’s permanent hard copy file, and electronically retained under this unit’s subfolder Final Findings/GIS Products. Any applicable ONDA map, photos and affiliated Photo Log are electronically retained under Wilderness Characteristics/Citizen Proposals.

XVIII. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

(Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).)

Describe: This route provides needed ongoing and regular access to rangeland/livestock improvements (spring and earthen reservoir developments) by allotment permittees and the BLM for management of livestock, maintenance of the projects, and BLM monitoring of associated activities. Also, this route provides regular and continuous use for concentrated recreational activities of camping associated with Kane Springs.

XIX. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route?

Yes _____ No X Unknown _____

XX. CONSTRUCTIONYes No Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe: Date of construction is unknown. Cut/fills and evidence of blading are spatially dispersed along this route. Cut/fill likely occurred during construction; present evidence of blading may more so be associated with maintenance activities since the route was constructed.

XXI. IMPROVEMENTSYes No By Hand Tools By Machine Examples: Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other **Describe:****XXII. MAINTENANCE:**

A. Is there evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes No

If yes: Hand Tools (Y/N) Machine (Y/N)

Explain: This route receives mechanical maintenance as needed to insure the ability to provide for regular and continuous use when not water saturated. A segment of this route associated with the southwest area of the inventory unit was re-located on some unknown past date so to continue to insure provision for regular and continuous use over the long term (see also the Road Analysis form for 034-RT 35 of this continuous route).

B. If the route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: This route is recognized by the BLM as a primary access route associated with a number of nearby range improvement projects, is recognized as a significant access route for both rangeland administration and public recreational access.

XXIII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes X No _____

Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis:

BLM personnel and allotment permittees use this route periodically from spring into fall to maintain projects, administer grazing, and access other areas. Additionally, this route leads to Kane Spring (and areas south of it) which are desirable by some visitors for concentrated camping activities, and hunting during various periods of the year.

XXIV. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes X No _____

Explanation: Meets criteria of road, as described and explained, above.

Evaluator(s): Shaney Rockefeller Date: 4/6/09
Shaney Rockefeller, Soil Scientist

Steve Christensen Date: 4-6-2009
Steve Christensen, Rangeland Management Specialist

Dave Draheim Date: 4/6/09
Dave Draheim, Outdoor Recreation Planner

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H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON

APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Unit Name/Number: OR-034-027 -- Broken Rim

NOTE: This BLM inventory unit is affected by ONDA’s “Freezeout Ridge proposed WSA”.

Route Name and/or Identifier *(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known; include route number supplied by citizen information when available):*

O34-RT35 (Is a replacement segment of BLM’s 7326-0-00 road.)

(This route is the southern-most segment of ONDA’s “W15” route.)

XXV. LOCATION:

See attached map. Is a replacement segment of BLM’s 7326-0-00 along the central east area of this BLM inventory unit. **List photo point references (if applicable):** Refer to this BLM inventory unit’s associated hard copy of its BLM Photo Points map, and affiliated Photo Log and photos -- retained in this unit’s permanent hard copy file, and electronically retained under this unit’s subfolder Final Findings/GIS Products. There are two photos, both at photo point O34-RT35-F. Any applicable ONDA map, photos and affiliated Photo Log are electronically retained under Wilderness Characteristics/Citizen.

XXVI. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

(Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).)

Describe: This route is a replacement segment of BLM’s 7326-0-00, serving as a continuous connector of that road. This route provides needed ongoing and regular access to rangeland/livestock improvements (spring and earthen reservoir developments) by allotment permittees and the BLM for management of livestock, maintenance of the projects, and BLM monitoring of associated activities. Also, this route provides regular and continuous use for concentrated recreational activities of camping associated with Kane Springs.

XXVII. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route?

Yes _____ No X Unknown _____

XXVIII. CONSTRUCTION

Yes X No _____

Examples: Paved _____ Bladed X Graveled _____ Roadside Berms X Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe: Date of original construction is unknown. Evidence of being bladed and berms present, although presently they may more so be a result of maintenance since construction of the route.

XXIX. IMPROVEMENTS

Yes _____ No X

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples: Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____ Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe:

XXX. MAINTENANCE:

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes X No _____

If yes: Hand Tools (Y/N) _____ Machine (Y/N) Y

Explain: This route receives mechanical maintenance as needed to insure the ability to provide for relatively regular seasonal use in a continuous manner over time when not water saturated. (Also see the Road Analysis form for the 7326-0-00 BLM route).

B. If the route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: This route is recognized by the BLM as a primary continuous connector for BLM 7326-0-00 which provides access to range improvement projects and is recognized as a significant access route for rangeland administration and public recreational access.

XXXI. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis:

BLM personnel and livestock grazing allotment permittees use this road throughout the summer to maintain projects, administer grazing, and access other areas. Additionally, this route leads to Kane Springs (and areas south of them) which are desirable by some visitors for concentrated camping activities, and hunting during various periods of the year.

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes No

Explanation: Meets criteria of a road, as described and explained, above. ve.

Evaluator(s): Shaney Rockefeller Date: 4/6/09
Shaney Rockefeller, Soil Scientist

Steve Christensen Date: 4-6-2009
Steve Christensen, Rangeland Management Specialist

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