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

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

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Year: 2009 **Unit Number/Name:** OR-034-064 -- Corbett Creek

**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 – 1979 --- BLM Wilderness Inventory Units 3-13, partially of Corbett Creek of OR-03-02-16; and OR-03-02-12 Little Black Canyon (unpublished BLM documents stored in 6-way case files)
- (X) April 1979 – *Wilderness -- Proposed Initial Inventory – Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not have Wilderness Characteristics, Oregon and Washington*

Wilderness Decision Documents

- (X) 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).
- () 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)
- () 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)

3-13, partially of Corbett Creek of OR-03-02-16; and OR-03-02-12 Little Black Canyon

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
3-13 Corbett Creek of OR-03-02-16	6,680	N	*	*	*
Little Black Canyon OR-03-02-12	2,720	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	9,400				

* -- These criteria were not specifically addressed in the inventory of this unit.

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**FORM 2 -- DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS
INVENTORY CONDITIONS**

Unit Number/Name: OR-034-064 -- Corbett Creek

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 location. The unit has 15,367 acres of public land, making it larger than the late 1970's inventory findings (unit 3-13). This is due to the then identified west boundary of 3-13 being a route depicted to extend as far north to junction with the existing 7358-0-00 road. If this west boundary route did at one time connect with 7358-0-00, currently it does not, thus making public lands to the west of the historic 3-13 unit contiguous to this present OR-034-064 unit. (Note: additionally, what currently exists of the 3-13 unit's west boundary route has changed status from an identified road in the late 1970's to a motorized primitive trail [MPT] presently.) The unit's boundaries are a combination of roads 7356-0-00, 7358-0-00, County 805; a designated mineral materials site; and abutting private land parcels. The roads receive mechanical maintenance as needed to as required to allow for regular and continuous use. BLM has a Photo Points Map/Log and associated photos of segments of 7358-0-00 and 7356-0-00, located in this unit's hard copy and electronic files.

2. Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: Three named drainages (Burnt Willow, Hart and Corbett) flow generally northeast to east, originating in the highest ridgeline terrain near the far western edge of the unit; on the west side of this main ridgeline (a north continuance of the Hog Creek Ridge from the south) is the uppermost reaches of Willow Spring Creek. Elevations range from 2,660 to 4,520 feet. Vegetation is largely native and non-native grasses and sagebrush. What little juniper is in the higher elevations provides no spatially dense stands. The northern extent of the Hog Creek Wild Horse Herd Management Area is within the unit. The herd is managed to maintain a population of between 30 and 50 animals.

Refer to this unit's associated Map 1 and Map 2 for human imprints. They include 19.1 miles of rangeland fence, 20 miles of 15 MPT's, 8 earthen reservoirs (one enclosure fenced; 3 not identified on Map 1), one 2.8 mile pipeline with 2 troughs, 7 developed

springs, and two abandoned locatable mineral surface mined sites. There remains no visual evidence of several land treatments which occurred between 1964 and 1969, including plow disk drilled seedings and brush chemical treatments. These land treatments affected approximately a third of the unit's acreage. The types, number, locations, and distribution of developments results in the area appearing to be being affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprints of mankind being substantially unnoticeable to the average visitor.

3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

Description: Vegetative screening for visitors is not present within the unit. Opportunities to experience a sense of solitude are dominantly limited to within the western half of the unit, where numerous small drainage channels originate from the unit's main ridgeline. However, these mostly shallow drainages do not provide significant diversity in elevation variance or abruptness between each other to provide a visitor an outstanding opportunity for solitude.

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

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

Description: The primary primitive and unconfined recreation opportunities include hunting of common game species (primarily deer and chukar) and associated day hiking. There are no special or unique features or attractions of the unit which would more so attract visitors for primitive and unconfined recreation activities. Individually or collectively the activities occurring and available within the unit do not constitute or provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

5. Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: BLM has documented one lek of sage grouse, which is a BLM special status animal species. The northern extent of the Hog Creek Wild Horse Herd Management Area is within the unit.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: OR-034-064 -- Corbett Creek

Summary Results of Analysis:

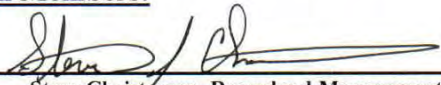

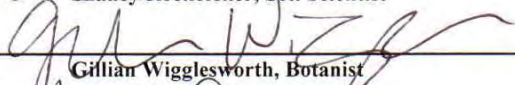
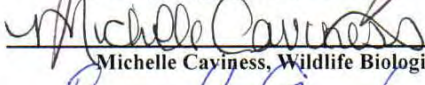
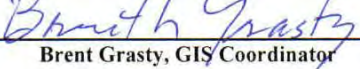
- 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No
- 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No NA
- 4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No NA

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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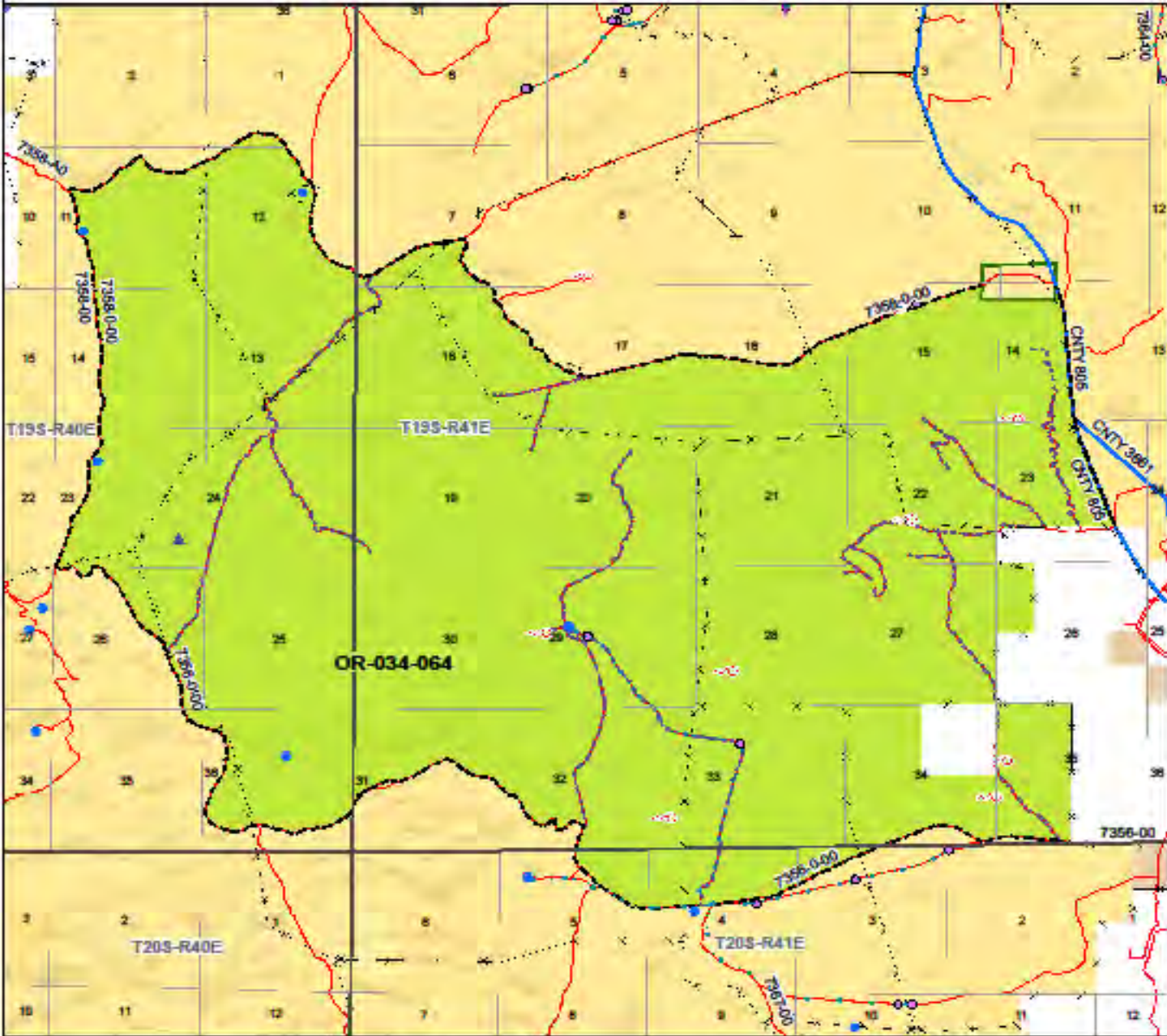
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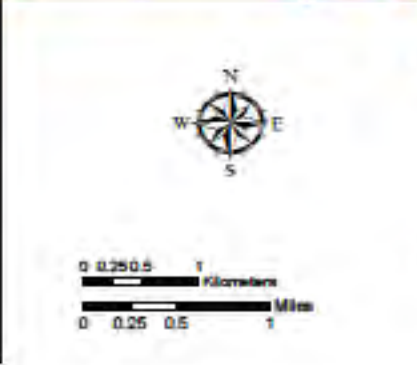
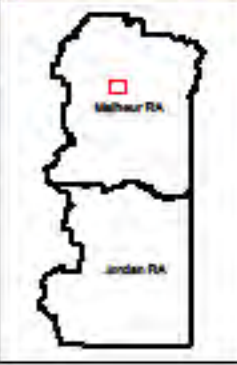
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Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

Corbett Creek - OR-034-064 - Map 1 of 2



Legend	
	Developed Spring
	Wildlife Quilts
	Section, Railroad
	Pipeline
	Trail
	Fence
	Storage Tank
	Surface Mining Disturbance
	Sage Grouse Lix
	Special Use Plant
	BLM Wild Char Inventory 2008
	Wilderness Study Area
	National Natural Site
	Feasibility Right of Way
	Major Water Body
	BLM Study - BLM Determined
	Boundary Line
	National Private Land (NPT)
	Discontinuity Line
	BLM-Designated Wild Char Unit
	County
	Major Highway
	BLM National & Other Roads
	Land Ownership
	Forest of Land Management
	State
	Private
	Other Private Land



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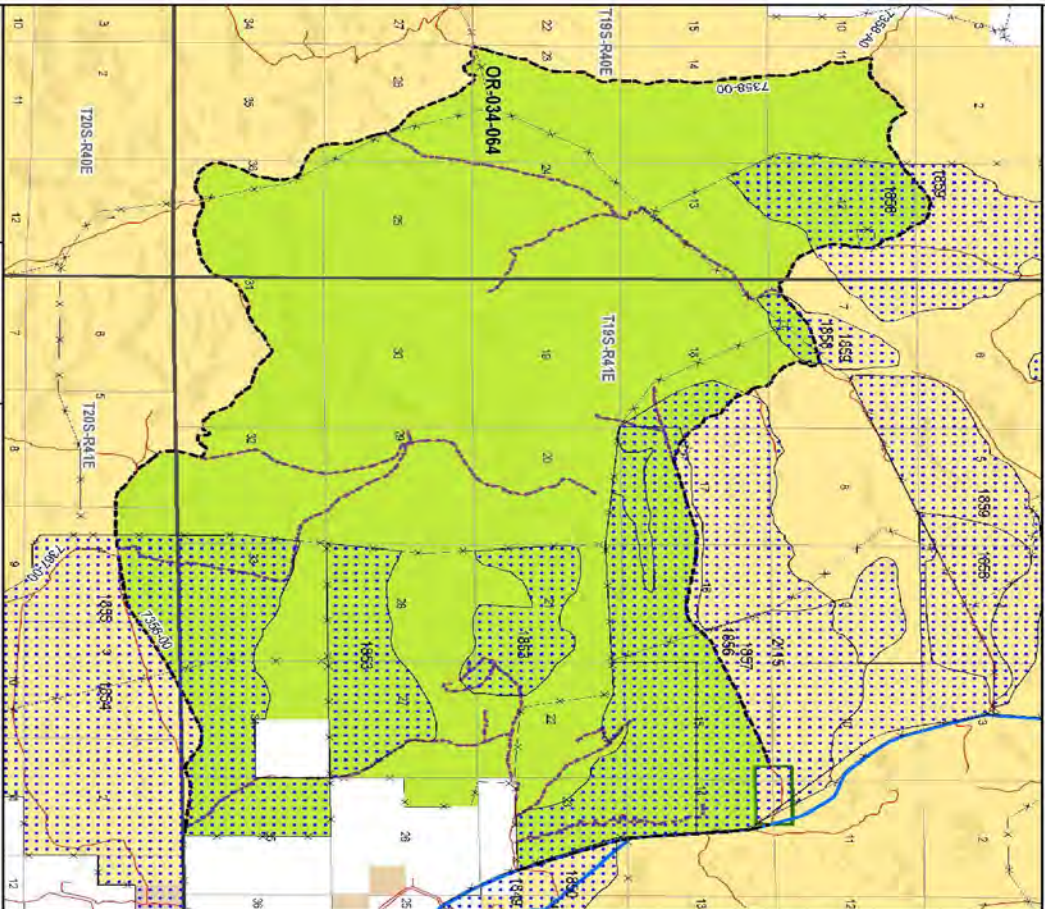


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Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments
Corbett Creek - OR-034-064 - Map 2 of 2



Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments
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OBJECTID*	NAME	TREATMENT TYPE	SEED GROUP	DATE
1840	HARPER SEEDING	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1965
1890	HARPER SEEDING	Drill Seeding	Unknown	1965
1853	NORTH CHICKEN CREEK MAINTENANC	Drill Seeding	Unknown	1965
1854	CHICKEN CREEK SEEDING	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1964
1855	CHICKEN CREEK SEEDING	Drill Seeding	Unknown	1964
1856	WILLOW CREEK SEEDING	Chemical Treatment	Not Applicable	1967
1857	WILLOW CREEK SEEDING	Drill Seeding	Unknown	1967
1858	COTTONWOOD SEEDING	Plow/Disc	Not Applicable	1965
1859	COTTONWOOD SEEDING	Drill Seeding	Unknown	1965
2115	WILLOW CREEK BRUSH CONTROL	Chemical Treatment	Not Applicable	1969

Note: The Land Treatments represented by navy blue dots on the map to the left are labeled with the treatments' ObjectIDs listed in the first field of the Land Treatments table shown above. Multiple types of treatments may have been applied to the same area. For example, one treatment area may have been plowed and drill seeded - a record is shown in the table for each type of treatment.

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