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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: 2010 Unit Number/Name: OR-034-107 — Selle Gap

**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.):

**Note:** The decisions for this unit was not found in the decision documents because it is part of the 300 series, however it does show this 3-300 in the August 1979 decision map.

**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- (X) 1978-1980 – BLM Wilderness Inventory Unit OR-03-03-01 (3-300) Selley Gap (unpublished BLM documents in case files)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)
- ( ) 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)**

BLM OR-03-03-01(3-300) Selle Gap.

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

- (X) 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/Malheur Resource Area

**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.

<b>Unit#/Name</b>	<b>Size (historic acres)</b>	<b>Natural Condition? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Y/N</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Y/N</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Y/N</b>
OR-03-03-01 Selley Gap (3-300)	11,100	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,100				

\* -- Specific determinations for these criteria for 3-300 could not be found in district inventory records. The files refer the reader to the “PPL Conclusion”, which cannot be located in the district office. All “3-300” series wilderness characteristics units of the Vale District were part of an accelerated, separate inventory effort, related to a PP & L 500 kV transmission line proposal of 1977-78. The statewide decision map of the August 1979 document, *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*, identifies the unit as previously not meeting wilderness characteristics, thus not subject to further review.

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

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

**Unit Number/Name:** OR-034-107 — Selle Gap

**Note:** In September, 2007, the Burns District received from Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) its evaluation of wilderness characteristics for what ONDA names its 56,535 acre “Middle River proposed WSA”. The ONDA proposal includes this entire Vale District OR-034-107 inventory unit, which is fully within Vale District. 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-034-107 represents only a portion of ONDA’s proposal. For Vale and Burns Districts, ONDA’s proposal includes basically all or a portion of three late 1970’s BLM inventory units of the two districts (OR-03-03-02 and 3-300 of Vale District and OR-02-02 of Burns District), which, respectively, are currently associated with this OR-034-107 BLM unit and BLM Vale District units OR-034-106 Wheeler Flat (includes contiguous public lands of both Vale and Burns Districts) and OR-034-105 Black Butte (fully within Vale District).

Relative to this BLM unit OR-034-107, the primary difference between BLM and ONDA regarding inventory unit boundary features is that, unlike ONDA’s proposal, BLM concludes that BLM route 034-RT58 is a road (what ONDA identifies as its M10c “way”; what Vale District terms a motorized primitive trail [MPT]), thus serves as the north boundary of BLM unit OR-034-107 (and separating this unit from the adjacent BLM unit OR-034-106). Refer to BLM’s associated Road Analysis form and associated BLM Photo Points Map/Log and photos for 034-RT58 of this BLM inventory unit for additional documentation. Another difference is ONDA included a parcel of federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) land within its proposed WSA which BLM identifies as an inholding associated with OR-034-107 (thus, respectively, is a boundary feature of that BLM unit). ONDA identifies the transmission line as the south boundary of its proposed WSA, while BLM identifies the right-of-way for the facility as the south boundary of OR-034-107.

**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 unit has 9,032 acres of public land; it is very close to the same boundaries identified for BLM’s late 1970’s unit 3-300. The difference in identified acreage from the late 1970’s is due to the present exclusion of the right-of-way for both the transmission line and

County road 587, and to improved measuring methods since that inventory was conducted.

Boundaries of the present unit consist of a road (labeled 034-RT58) on its north side, the right-of-way of County road 587 on its east side, the utility right-of-way on its south side, and a combination of BOR federal lands, the conservation pool level of Warm Springs Reservoir and a road leading to and including the dam of the reservoir on the unit's west side. Where BLM public land rests adjacent to Warm Springs Reservoir, its active conservation pool (up to 3,406 feet elevation) is not included in this inventory unit. The unit's boundary roads are mechanically maintained as needed to provide for relatively regular and continuous use. Vale District has a Road Analysis form and affiliated Photo Points Map, Photo Log and photographs of O34-RT58 in support that it is presently – as it was identified in the late 1970's by BLM -- a road. A 40 acre inholding of BOR-administered federal land is also a feature of the unit's boundary.

## 2. Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes   X                        No                                 N/A           

**Description:** A north-south high ridge system in the center and west portion of the unit slopes gently and moderately to the east and west. South slopes break off sharply in rimrock cliffs. Some of the multidirectional drainages are steeper sloped than more moderate ones. No drainage is greater than 1.5 miles in length within the unit. Elevations range from 3,468 to 4,826 feet. Vegetation consists primarily of sagebrush and native grasses; patches of scattered juniper are present on various slopes of the unit.

Refer to this unit's associated Map 1 and Map 2 for human imprints. There are 12.25 miles of 9 motorized primitive trails (MPTs), 7.4 miles of rangeland fence, 3 developed springs, and 5 earthen reservoirs. There remains no visually contrasting evidence of a 1964 vegetation chemical treatment which occurred in most of the western two-thirds of the unit. The types and limited extent of developments results in the unit appearing to be affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of humans substantially unnoticeable to the average visitor.

ONDA's description of naturalness of its proposed WSA identifies the same MPTs and 1 of the 5 earthen reservoirs but not the fences or developed springs located within this BLM inventory unit. BLM does not draw conclusions of ONDA's proposed WSA regarding naturalness.

## 3. Does the unit have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes   X                        No                                 N/A

**Description:** The unit is basically rectangular in shape, about 5 miles north-south by 2.5 - 3 miles east-west. The vegetation's size and/or height relative to its density is inadequate to provide sufficient screening between visitors for outstanding opportunities for solitude. The centrally located north-south ridge through the unit results in multidirectional drainages branching from it with up to approximately a 1,500 foot drop in elevation. The directional diversity and presence of some deeper cut drainages which are dispersed within the unit allows for sufficient topographic screening to provide for outstanding opportunities for solitude; however, this finding is limited by the unit possessing a relatively narrow east-west width.

ONDA states that its much larger proposed WSA provides outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the presence of dense stands of juniper, and diverse and broken topography of an extensive complex of hills and ravines which provide settings absent of sights and sounds of other visitors. Vale District draws no conclusions of ONDA's proposed WSA regarding outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** Activities within the unit consists primarily of hunting of common game species (primarily deer and chukar) and associated hiking. Hunting of the highly prized bighorn sheep is an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation within the unit. There exists some opportunities for general rockhounding and photography. There are no other unique or special features within the unit which would attract visitors. Only the reservoir – located outside of the unit – provides fishing opportunities. Individually or in combinations, the activities do not provide outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

ONDA states that it's much larger proposed WSA provides outstanding opportunities for hunting, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, fishing, wildlife viewing, photographing and rock hounding. Vale District draws no conclusions of ONDA's proposed WSA regarding outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

**5. Does the unit have supplemental values?**

Yes   X              No                       N/A           

**Description:** The unit possesses suitable bighorn sheep habitat that is presently occupied by the species. The sheep is a BLM special status species within Oregon.



**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Name and Number:** OR-034-107 — Selle Gap

**Summary Results of Analysis:**

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

**Conclusion -- check one:**

X  The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

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Robert Alward, Wilderness Planner contractor

**Team Members:**

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Dan Thomas, Range Technician	Date
<u>Lynn Silva</u>	<u>12-12-2010</u>
Lynn Silva, Weed Coordinator	Date
<u>Gilman Wigglesworth</u>	<u>12/6/10</u>
Gilman Wigglesworth, Botanist	Date
<u>Michelle Caviness</u>	<u>12/6/10</u>
Michelle Caviness, Wildlife Biologist	Date
<u>Eian Ray</u>	<u>12-6-10</u>
Eian Ray, GIS Specialist, contractor	Date
<u>Brent Grasty</u>	<u>12/6/10</u>
Brent Grasty, GIS Coordinator	Date

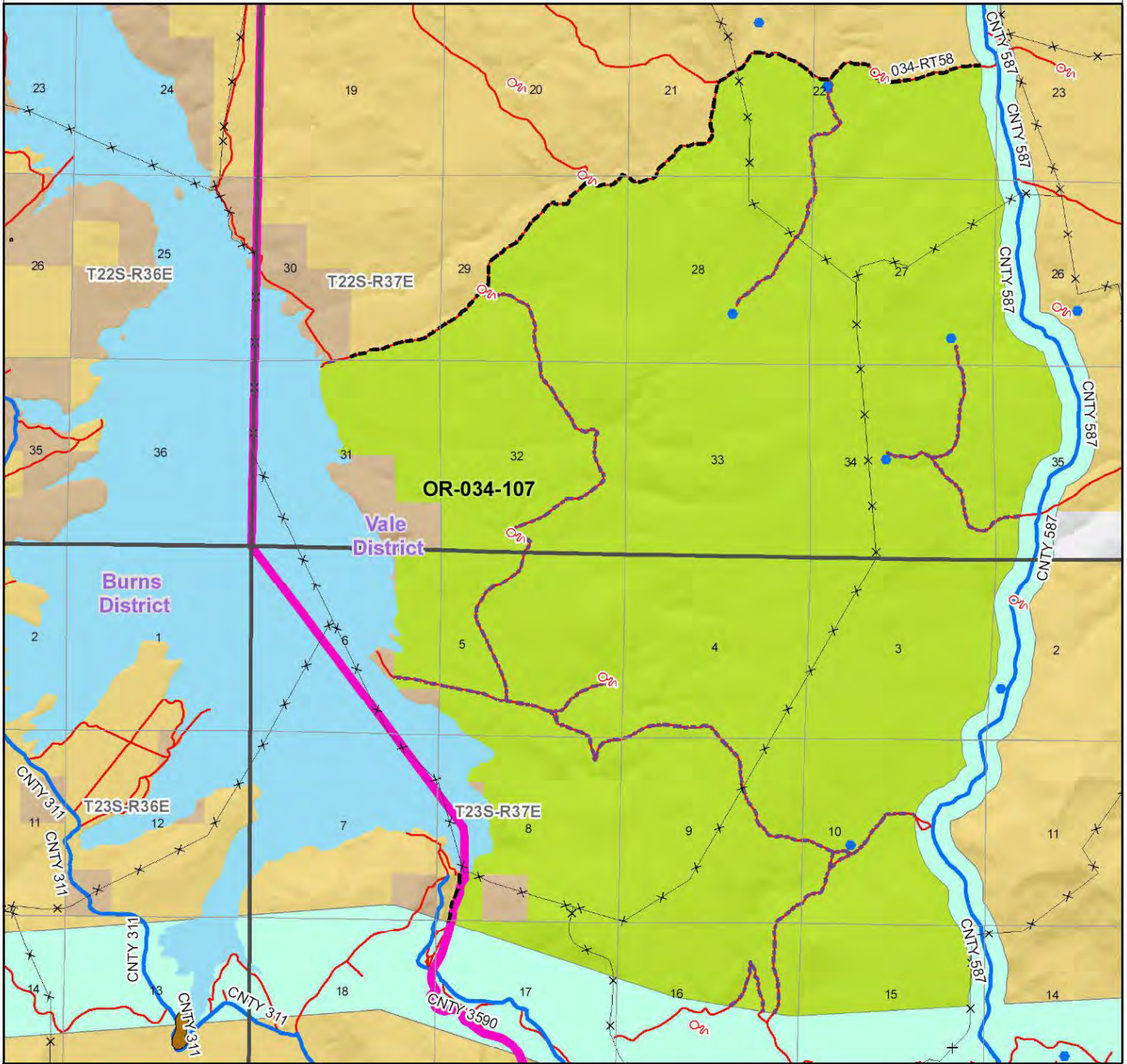
**Approved by:** Pat Ryan  
Pat Ryan, Malheur Resource Area Field Manager

12/15/10  
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.*

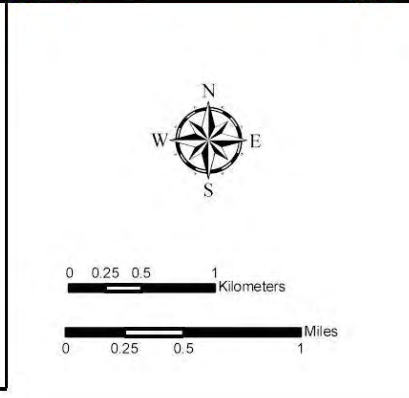
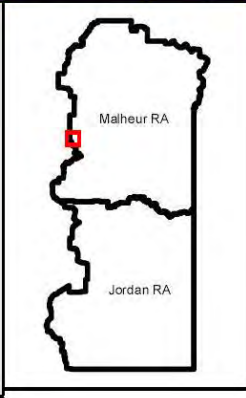
# Wilderness Characteristics - Overview

## Selle Gap - OR-034-107 - Map 1 of 2



**Legend**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Developed Spring</li> <li> Wildlife Guzzler</li> <li> Earthen Reservoir</li> <li> Pipeline</li> <li> Trough</li> <li> Fence</li> <li> Storage Tank</li> <li> Surface Mining Disturbance</li> <li> Sage Grouse Lek</li> <li> Special Status Plant</li> <li> BLM Wild Char Inventory Unit</li> <li> Wilderness Study Area</li> <li> Mineral Material Site</li> <li> Road/Utility Right-of-Way</li> <li> Major Water Body</li> </ul>	<p><b>Route Types - BLM Determination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Boundary Road</li> <li> Motorized Primitive Trail (MPT)</li> <li> Discontinued Use</li> </ul> <p><b>Routes - Outside Wild Char Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Major Highway</li> <li> BLM Numbered &amp; Other Routes</li> </ul> <p><b>Land Ownership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Bureau of Land Management</li> <li> State</li> <li> Private</li> <li> Other Federal Land</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> District Boundary</li> </ul>
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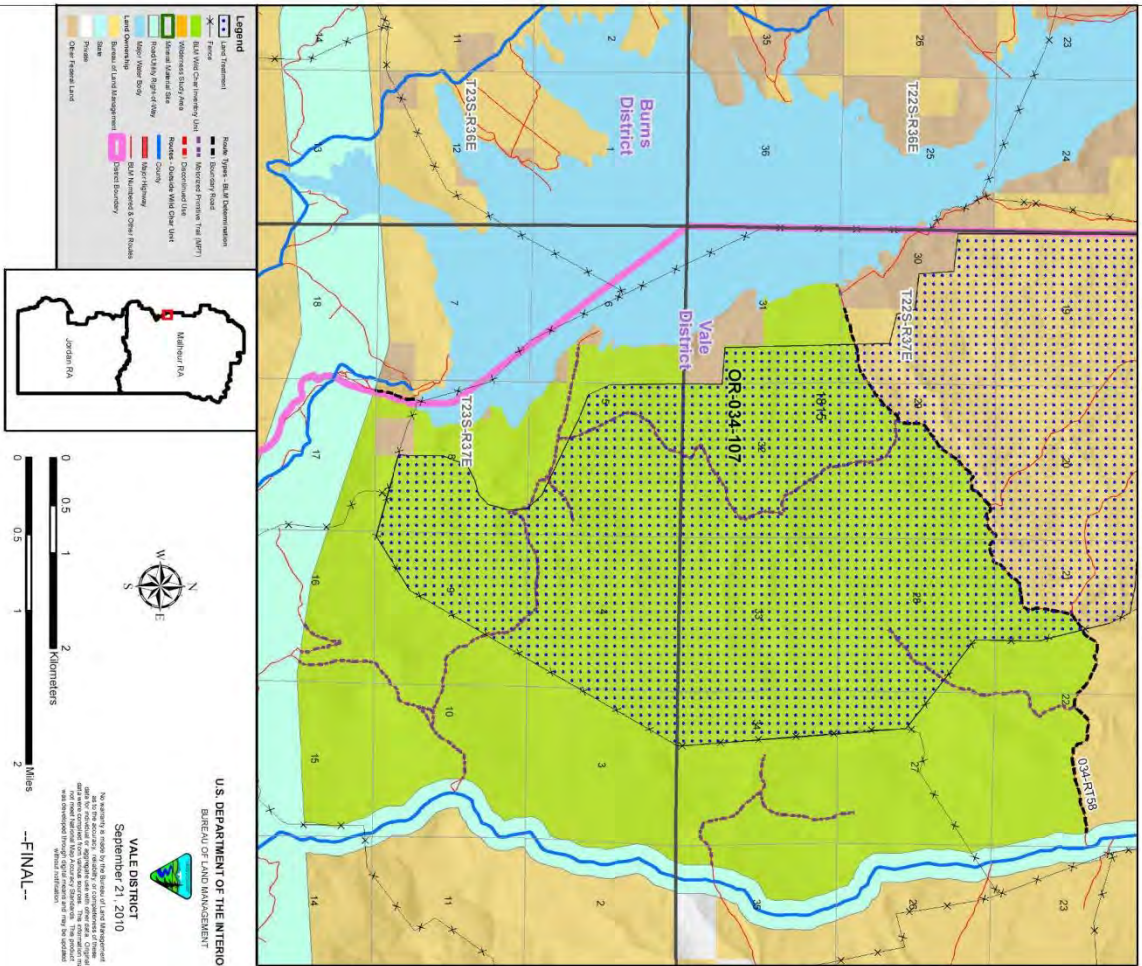
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September 21, 2010

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**Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments**  
**Selle Gap - OR-034-107 - Map 2 of 2**



**Wilderness Characteristics - Land Treatments**  
**Selle Gap - OR-034-107 - Map 2 of 2**

OBJECTID *	NAME	TREATMENT TYPE	SEED GROUP	DATE	NEPA_NAME
1815	WARM SPRINGS BRUSH CONTROL	Chemical Treatment	Not Applicable	1984	Vale Project

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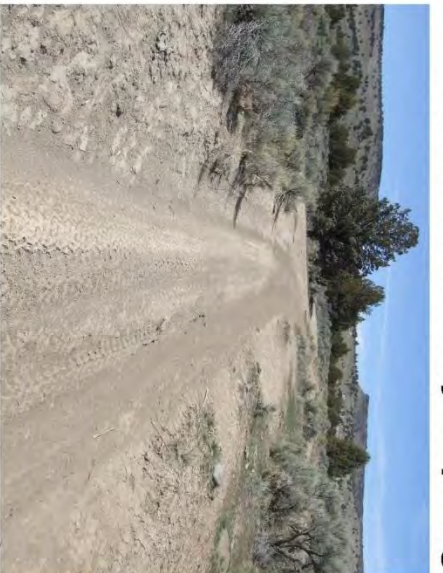
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**H-6300-1-WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE  
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

**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-034-107 — Selle Gap**

**NOTE: This unit is affected by ONDA’s proposed Middle River WSA.**

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

**BLM 034-RT58**

**NOTE: This route is also identified by Burns BLM District as “Unknown 12”. This route is fully within Vale District.**

**ONDA identifies the route as “M10c”, a vehicular “way” (i.e., what BLM terms a motorized primitive trail ([MPT] ).**

**I. LOCATION:** Refer to the attached map. The route is the unit’s north boundary and is located fully within Vale District. **List photo point references (if applicable):** Refer to Vale District’s associated Photo Points map and affiliated Photo Log and photos – retained both in hard copy and electronically by Vale District. Also, reference a Vale-retained hard copy of Burns District’s Road Analysis form, photos (with cover note) and Photo Log for its “Unknown 12” route.

**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:** The route provides the primary east shore access to Warm Springs Reservoir, and affiliated Bureau of Reclamation-administered federal lands. There are three developed springs and an earthen reservoir adjacent to the route on BLM-administered public lands. From the east, the route is the main one traveled by the recreating public of Warm Springs Reservoir, as well as by other dispersed recreational pursuits (e.g. hunting of game species). It is used by livestock operators and by BLM for access to manage surrounding public lands.



**III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown  X

**IV. CONSTRUCTION**

Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Describe:** Date of original construction is not confirmed.

**V. IMPROVEMENTS**

Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

By Hand Tools \_\_\_\_\_ By Machine  X

Examples: Culverts \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Crossings \_\_\_\_\_ Bridges \_\_\_\_\_  
Drainage  X  Barriers \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe:** Drainage ditches are apparent along sections of the route.

**VI. 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:** Much of this route was very recently graded and drainage ditches worked to remove water runoff from its traveling surface. The sage brush associated with the route's berms and drainage ditches appears to have only recently been mechanically manipulated. Additionally, there remains visual evidence of the grader used for mechanical maintenance of the 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: (None needed.)

**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:**

Visual evidence of recent vehicle passes observed. Also, visual evidence of recent tracks of heavy equipment likely due mechanical maintenance performed on the route.

**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:** Route meets the criteria for a road, as described and explained above.

Evaluator(s): Steve Christensen Date: 5-14-2010  
Steve Christensen, Rangeland Management Specialist

Eian Ray Date: 5-14-10  
Eian Ray, GIS Specialist, contractor

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\* **road:** An access route which has 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.

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.

b. **“Mechanical means”** – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

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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*Following is the definition from Glossary of OSO 7-3-2007 Draft H-6300-1:*

**road:** The BLM will continue to base the definition of what constitutes a “road” from the FLPMA’s legislative history. The language below is from the House of Representatives Committee Report 94-1163, page 17, dated May 15, 1976, on what became the FLPMA. It is the only statement regarding the definition of a road in the law or legislative history.

“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:

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.

b. **“Mechanical means”** – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

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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”.

**WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE  
ROUTE ANALYSIS**

*Source: Berms DO - 4/2010  
for OR-034-107 file*

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

Evaluator(s): A. RICHARDSON Date: 9-17-09

Original Wilderness Inventory Area Name/Number(s) (UNIT\_ID): Boundary 2-12 i 3-300

Route Name and/or Identifier: Unknown 12 (UK 12) - North road to Res.  
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

**I. LOCATION:** refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (if applicable): See Attached Photo Log

**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: Administrative, private property access, Range improvements

**III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes  No  Unknown

**IV. CONSTRUCTION**

Yes  No

Examples:  
Paved \_\_\_\_\_ Bladed  Graveled \_\_\_\_\_ Roadside Berms   
Cut/Fill \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: Berms } minimal veg. in road suggest construction

**V. IMPROVEMENTS**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

By Hand Tools \_\_\_\_\_ By Machine \_\_\_\_\_

Examples:

Culverts \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Crossings \_\_\_\_\_ Bridges \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage \_\_\_\_\_

Barriers \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. MAINTENANCE:**

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Hand Tools \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Machine \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N) X

Explain: <sup>(New)</sup> Recent locking berms suggest recent blading. See ME-55

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 X No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Main access road to Reservoir from east side

**VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:**

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Describe evidence (vehicle tracks observed) and other rationale for whether use has occurred or will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Multiple sets of vehicle tracks in roadway → minimal vegetation in roadway suggest regular use.

**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:

### Photo Log

Route Name or Number: Unknown 12 (UK 12) Date: 9-17-09

Photographer(s): A. Richardson

Point #	Location (UTMs) <small>Projection: 11 NAD 27</small>		Photo #	Camera Direction	Description
MR-55	0402674	4831399	136 <small>1013</small>	SW	At junction with road unknown "
"	"	"	137 <small>1014</small>	NE	"
MR-56	0401547	4830827	138 <small>1016</small>	E	Just east of where road enters Bureau of Reclamation land
MR-57	0403568	4832350	139 <small>1017</small>	E	At junction of road to north and developed springs and old troughs right next to drainage.
"	"	"	140 <small>1018</small>	SW	"
MR-58	0404718	4833222	143 <small>1020</small>	NE	located at junction w/ UK 13
"	"	"	144 <small>1021</small>	S	"
MR-59	0405691	4833247	146 <small>1025</small>	NE	located at junction w/ a track road that heads S. on corner
"	"	"	147 <small>1026</small>	W	"
MR-60	0407136	4833383	148 <small>1027</small>	W	located at junction w/ CNTY 587

**May 11, 2010**

**RE: OR-034-107, Selley Gap —**

**BLM Photos – from Burns District -- supplementing Burns District route documentation of Vale District’s labeled route 034-RT-58 (alias, Burns District’s route “Unknown12”).**

The route is within this Vale District wilderness inventory unit; the unit is fully within Vale District.

**The attached** are Burns District’s photos associated with the above routes which were labeled by Burns District.

Specific date of photos is not known, other than they were taken by Burns District BLM during 2009.

RL Alward, Wilderness Planner, contractor -- Vale District











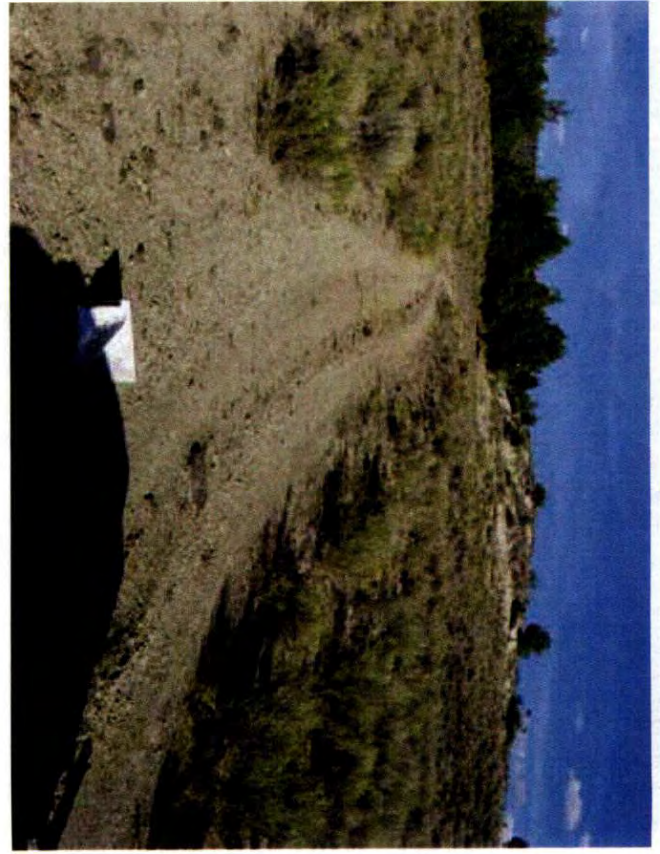
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OR-034-107 Selley Gap ~ Burns District 4/2010 Photo Point - "Unknown 12" route



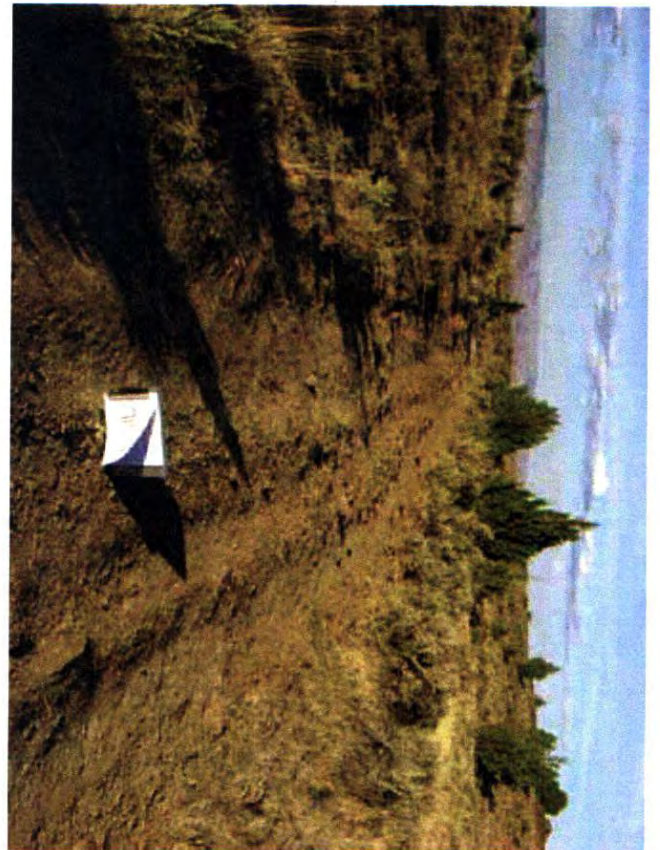


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