

**WILDERNESS INVENTORY MAINTENANCE
IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON
(Source: Oregon State Office Internal Guidance as of July 2007)**

Year: 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Jackass Butte

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

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Pages 132-133

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Frenchglen Unit 2-55

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): November 1980 Map

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District – Three Rivers 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: Wilderness Inventory – OR/WA Final Intensive Inventory Decisions (November 1980), Pages 46-47

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2-55	65,925	N	N	N	Y

Blitzen Valley to the east. Many smaller ridges, buttes, canyons, and intermittent natural lakes are located between the ridgeline which forms the top of the plateau and the valley below. This ridge area is 12 miles long and is less than one and one-half miles wide. Jackass Butte rises 400 feet above the flat to gently rolling lands to the south. Several moderate sized buttes are in the middle of the unit and two canyons cut through the plateau in the southwest. The southwest side of the unit contains two canyons which cut through the plateau. The southern portion of the unit contains the LaVoy Tables, a relatively flat-topped mesa. South of the rim which surrounds this end of the unit is the northern end of the Catlow Valley. Most of the unit is covered with sagebrush and grass; however, patches of juniper occur in the area, especially in the central portion and along the east side.

Naturalness: This unit contains a large number of developments, including nine miles of dead-end roads, 58 miles of vehicle ways, 34 reservoirs, six miles of fence, one open dump, one borrow pit, a radio facility, a powerline which intermittently cuts through the east side of the area, and a power substation. With a few exceptions most of these developments are substantially unnoticeable on an individual basis. Most of the other developments are associated with ways and dead-end roads which criss-cross the unit. It would be difficult for a visitor to travel through the unit without encountering a man-made development. In addition, many of the developments are visible from higher points within the unit. The cumulative impact of these developments makes man's imprint within the area substantially noticeable. Due to the presence of numerous developments which, cumulatively, are substantially noticeable, this unit does not appear to be in a generally natural condition.

Current Condition Description for Jackass Butte Unit

Physical Characteristics: The Jackass Butte Unit is located approximately six air miles north of the community of Frenchglen. Similar to the Frenchglen Unit the Jackass Butte Unit lies atop a plateau which rises 1,000 feet above the Blitzen Valley to the east. It does contain several intermittent dry lakes and a the ridgeline which runs north to south along the eastern portion of the unit, which is less than 1.5 miles wide and drops off to the east overlooking State Highway 205. This unit also contains Jackass Butte which rises about 400 feet above the flat to gently rolling topography which makes western portion of the unit. Most of the unit is covered with sagebrush and grass; however, patches of juniper occur in the unit primarily along the ridgeline and Jackass Butte.

Naturalness: The Jackass Butte Unit contains one 161-acre crested wheatgrass seeding. The seeding has rehabilitated to the point of appearing natural. The unit also has three water holes, four water reservoirs, one spring development, one wildlife water guzzler, one 14-

does not offer outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation.

Current Condition Description for Jackass Butte Unit

Other than the smaller size of the Jackass Butte Unit, no changes to the conditions affecting recreational opportunities were identified that would modify the findings of the original inventory. The unit offers hunting of common game species (primarily deer and chukar), hiking, wildlife viewing and sightseeing. However like the findings for the larger Frenchglen Unit, the diversity and quality of these recreation activities are not unlike those which can be found throughout eastern Oregon in the Northern Great Basin region. As a result, the unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined types of recreation.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No N/A

1980 Description of Frenchglen Unit: Many raptors nest along the ridge from Frenchglen south to the end of the unit. The unit also contains scenic values because of the views of off-site features such as the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and the west side of Steens Mountain.

Current Condition Description for Jackass Butte Unit

The Jackass Butte Unit offers the same supplemental values as described above for the Frenchglen Unit. Jackass Butte Unit also provides habitat to the greater sage-grouse, a bureau sensitive species. Many raptors nest along the ridge that runs through the unit. The unit has an indirect positive impact of being on top of the plateau there are scenic values because of the views of off-site features such as the Malheur Wildlife Refuge and the west side of Steens Mountain.

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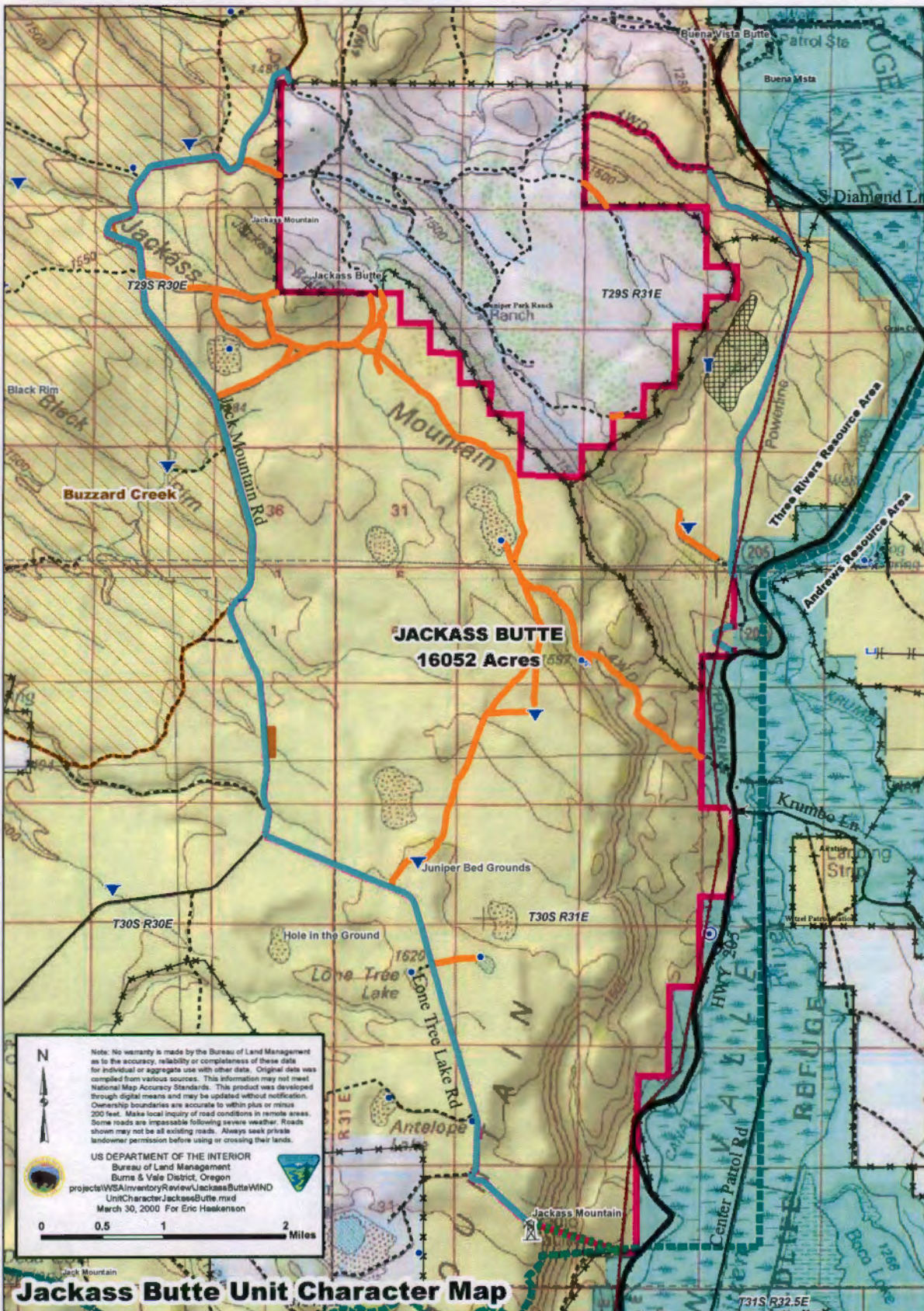
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| Jackass Butte Unit | Three Rivers Citizen Proposed WSA Unit | Seeded Area |
| Boundary Powerline | DAM | Resource Area Boundary |
| Unit Boundary Roads | GUZZLER | FENCE |
| Non-Boundary Routes | RESERVOIR | PIPELINE |
| Paved Road | SPRING | Bureau of Land Management |
| Non-Paved Improved Road | WATERHOLE | U.S. Fish and Wildlife |
| Primitive/Unknown Road Condition | Mineral Material Site inside Unit | Private |
| Major Power Lines | | |