

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

Year: **2010**      Inventory Unit Number/Name: **Silver Lake**

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

a) **Inventory Source:** Wilderness Review; Intensive Inventory, Oregon & Washington, March, 1980, pages 169-172.

b) **Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s):** The area that has been inventoried was part of a unit in 1977 that was numbered OR-020-02-33. It was recommended and approved at that time that the area did not warrant intensive inventory due to the size

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** BLM Intensive Wilderness Inventory; Oregon; March, 1980.

d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Burns District, Oregon; Three Rivers Field Office

**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:**

<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>

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

Unit Number/Name: **Silver Lake**

**(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?**



Current Unit Acres: 4967

Yes  No

**Citizen Information Received:** The BLM received GIS data from Oregon Natural Desert Assoc. (ONDA) for a proposed Buzzard Creek WSA in September, 2007. More information including a narrative report, maps, photographs and route logs was received in May, 2008. This proposed area is adjacent to the Silver Lake Unit and information from their report was considered in making determinations about the unit.

**BLM's Boundary Road Determination Process:** BLM conducted an analysis of routes in the West Warm Springs Unit, which entailed field visits to verify the mechanical/tool construction of the routes and their current condition in August, 2009. During this inventory, conditions of roads in the Silver Lake Unit were recorded to determine where boundaries were located. All the boundary roads are part of BLM's current transportation system as identified in BLM's Facility Asset Management System database.

**Current Unit Boundaries:** (See BLM Unit Character Map):

Based on current field checks and the knowledge of the area, BLM identified the Wilderness Inventory Maintenance (WIM) unit boundaries listed below. The roads have been mechanically constructed and improved or maintained at some time in the past. The roads are currently in useable condition for Bureau personnel, grazing permittees and other publics using pickup trucks and SUV's, including 4-wheel drive vehicles, to access the Silver Lake WIM. These roads will be maintained in the future as needed.

Vehicle use occurs on a relatively regular basis. The grazing permittee utilizes the routes to manage livestock operations, including releasing and gathering cattle, distributing salt and mineral blocks and checking and maintaining range developments. BLM personnel use the routes for monitoring wildlife, botanical and range values and condition, constructing, maintaining and checking human developments and installations, wildfire suppression, and recreation use. Most public use is associated with hunting, camping and recreation use in late summer and fall.

N. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-A0 Power line Road

ONDA Photo Points: None

BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-15, CL-16, CL-17, CL-21, CL-30

E. boundary: Private land and BLM Road 7228-0-00 Dusenbury Lake Road

ONDA Photo Points:

BLM route analysis Photo Points: None

S. boundary: BLM Road 7257-0-0A Lake on the Trail-Silver Lake Road

ONDA Photo Points:

BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-26, CL-25, CL-24



W. boundary: BLM Road 7228-0-C0, Hole in the Ground Road  
ONDA Photos: None  
BLM route analysis Photo Points: CL-21, CL-22, CL-23, CL-24

Where an inventory unit is bounded by a road or other linear feature that is authorized by an existing right-of-way, the legal right-of-way boundary rather than the feature itself shall be deemed the wilderness inventory unit boundary.

The following BLM photo references show examples of current road conditions in the Silver Lake Unit. There are also other BLM photos on file for this unit.

CL-17 shows the north boundary road going southwest up through Coyote Rim. There is a distinct cut in the hillside on the north side of the road. This road was constructed in the early 1980's during the power line construction. The road has easily been maintained by the regular passage of vehicles.

CL-22 shows the Hole in the Ground road about mid way along the west boundary of the unit. There is dirt berm on the west side of the road. The road is in fair to good condition and has been easily maintained by the passage of vehicles.

CL-24 shows the Lake on the Trail-Silver Lake Road at the west end of the south boundary road. A distinct, constructed berm of rock and dirt is present on both sides of the road. The road is in good condition and is no need of maintenance at this time.

**(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?**

Yes  No  N/A

**Current Condition Description:** The large 500KV power line that traverses the northern boundary of the unit has an immediate impact on the sense of naturalness. The fence that follows along east boundary is slightly noticeable. The crested wheatgrass seeding with drill rows is noticeable on the south end. The water holes are only visible when in very close proximity to them. The easily traveled primitive routes are visible from several locations in the unit. Overall the unit does appear to be in a natural condition.

The unit currently has the following developments (See Unit Character Map):

Fences: 5.8 miles  
Reservoirs: 4  
Seedings: 216 acres  
Boundary roads: 11 miles  
Non-boundary roads: 7.5 miles  
Pipelines: 0 miles  
Wells: 0  
Troughs: 0  
Waterholes: 1



Brushbeat: 0 acres

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** This unit has very little topographic screening due to an elevation difference of less than 100 feet from one side of the unit to the other. While this is not uncommon in certain WSAs, the small size of the unit makes it difficult to experience solitude. Another factor reducing opportunities for solitude is the lack of any trees or structural vegetation to provide screening. Almost all of the unit can be seen from any part of the unit.

Therefore, the unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude.

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** Activities associated with area include hunting for antelope and deer, sightseeing, hiking and wildlife viewing. None are outstanding. Big game (deer and antelope,) numbers have diminished in the last fifteen to twenty years in this particular area of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Juniper hunting unit, so wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities are less and none are outstanding.

**(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Condition Description:** No inventories for species of concern, except sage grouse have been conducted in the unit at this time. There may be habitat for, and the presence of, the pygmy rabbit and burrowing owl in the unit's lower-elevation, open, sagebrush-covered areas. There are no known sage-grouse leks in this unit.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: **Silver Lake**

**Summary Results of Analysis:**

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes X 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?      \_\_\_ Yes    X  No   \_\_\_ NA

4. Does the area have supplemental values?      \_\_\_ Yes    X  No   \_\_\_ NA

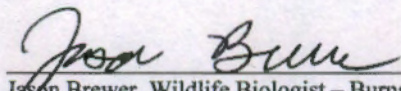
**Conclusion (Check One):**


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

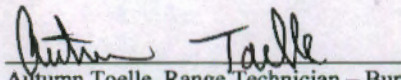
X  The area does not have wilderness character.

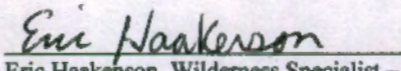
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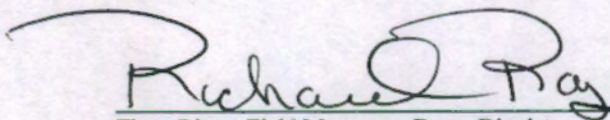
  
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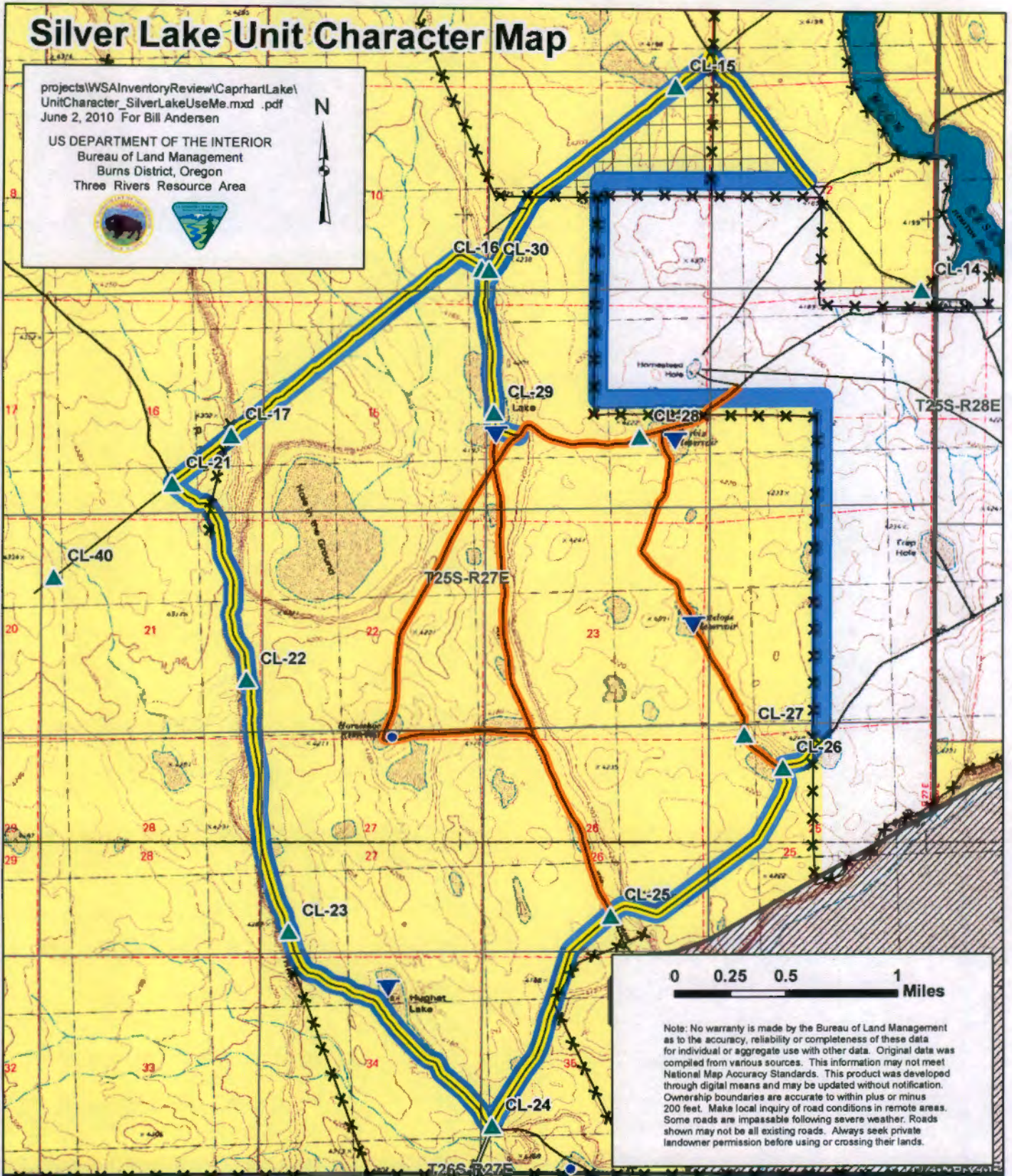
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# Silver Lake Unit Character Map

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 June 2, 2010 For Bill Andersen

US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 Burns District, Oregon  
 Three Rivers Resource Area



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| Silver Lake 4,967 Acres    | Reservoir 4             | Land Administration Undetermined; Water |
| BLM Photo Points           | Waterhole 1             | Private (White)                         |
| Boundry Roads 11 Miles     | Seeding 216 Acres       | Bureau of Land Management               |
| Primitive Routes 7.5 Miles | Paved Road              |   |
| Fence 5.8 Miles            | Non-Paved Improved Road |   |
|                            | Primitive Road Surface  |   |