

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

Year: 2008 Inventory Unit Number/Name: West Warm Springs Unit 22

**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 140-141

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Foster Flat Subunit 2-61F

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

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District – Three Rivers Resource Area and Lakeview District – Lakeview 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 140-141

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
2-61F	7,350	Y	N	N	Y

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

Unit Number/Name: West Warm Springs Unit 22

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Current Unit Acres: 7,389 Yes X No _____

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3),(4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check "No" above, check "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary].

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

Citizen Information Received: On September 19, 2007 the BLM received a citizen proposal from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) for the 462,828-acre Buzzard Creek proposed WSA. ONDA included in their information a narrative report, maps, photos, photo and route logs and GIS data with their route and photo point data, all of which were considered as part of the wilderness inventory maintenance process for this BLM Unit. The photos submitted by ONDA were taken in July of 2004 and June of 2005. They identified the Buzzard Creek proposed WSA as having no routes which meet their definition of a boundary road and included state land within their proposal.

As part of BLM's boundary determination process, it was determined that several of ONDA's "ways" are still boundary roads. It is BLM's finding that ONDA's Buzzard Creek proposed WSA is not one large roadless unit, but is made of several smaller units that are similar, though not exactly the same, as those units identified by the 1979 and 1980 wilderness inventory effort.

Boundary changes since 1980: The boundaries for Unit 22 appear similar to those identified (See Unit Boundary Map 2) for subunit 2-61F.

Current Unit Boundaries:

See Unit Character Map for Photo Point (Pt.) Locations

N: Road 7256-0-1J (No BLM or ONDA Photos)

NE: Road 7256-0-2JA & 1JA and a short unnumbered segment that continues on through to 7256-0-1J (ONDA Photo Pt. FK-3 NW) there is minimal vegetation in the center of the road, but the road is not overgrown and is still in a useable condition and get relatively regular use.

S: Road 8238-0-00 – matches ONDA Unit Boundary

W: Road 7256-0-100 and 1J (BLM Route Analysis #5, Photo Pts. A6 & A7) (ONDA Photo Pts. FK-18 WNW, FK-22 NNW, FK-24 WNW, FK-25 NNE)

Road into unit: Road without number (BLM Route Analysis #5, Photo Pts. A6 & A7)(No ONDA photos)

Note: Other ONDA photo pts. did not appear to be of boundary roads for this BLM unit.

Both ID-teams from the Burns and Lakeview districts confirmed that based on their knowledge of the area and reviewing ONDA information and the BLM information gathered as part of the unit boundary determination process, that these routes do meet boundary road criteria.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes _____ No X N/A _____

1980 Unit Description: The unit is located approximately 23 miles northwest of the community of Frenchglen. The 1980 Inventory Report described this unit as consisting of a few gently rolling hills with little definition to the generally flat terrace. Dry lakebeds covered with sparse vegetation are located through the area. Low sagebrush and bitterbrush are the most common vegetative species found within the area. Though several developments were identified, the unit was found to be in a natural condition.

Current Condition Description: The ID-team reviewed photos from the 1977 inventory effort and landscape related photos provided by ONDA. The primary human uses in the unit and the surrounding area are associated with livestock grazing and recreation by the public. The ID-team found that almost half of the unit has concentrated fencing, routes and water developments. In addition almost all of the boundary roads around the unit have had brush beating within the last three years. This consists of mowing sagebrush (24 feet) on either side of the road to assist

with providing a fire break. The unit currently has the following developments (See Unit Character Map):

- 7.9 miles of interior routes (non-boundary roads)
- 5 miles of fencing. The fence running east/west in the southern half of the unit also has an interior route along it not reflected in the mileage above.
- 1 reservoir and 6 waterholes

Given the small size of the unit and the location and distribution of developments in the unit and the brush beating treatments around the unit, the imprints of humans were found to be substantially noticeable and the unit was found not to have naturalness. This finding is not consistent with ONDA's proposal for their Buzzard Creek Unit, which they found to be natural as a whole; however, much of ONDA's finding of naturalness was due to developments and treatments being substantially unnoticeable across their entire Buzzard Creek Unit.

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

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

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: West Warm Springs Unit 22

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? ___ Yes X No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ___ Yes ___ No X NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ___ Yes ___ No X 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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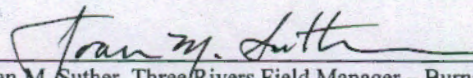
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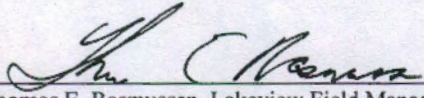
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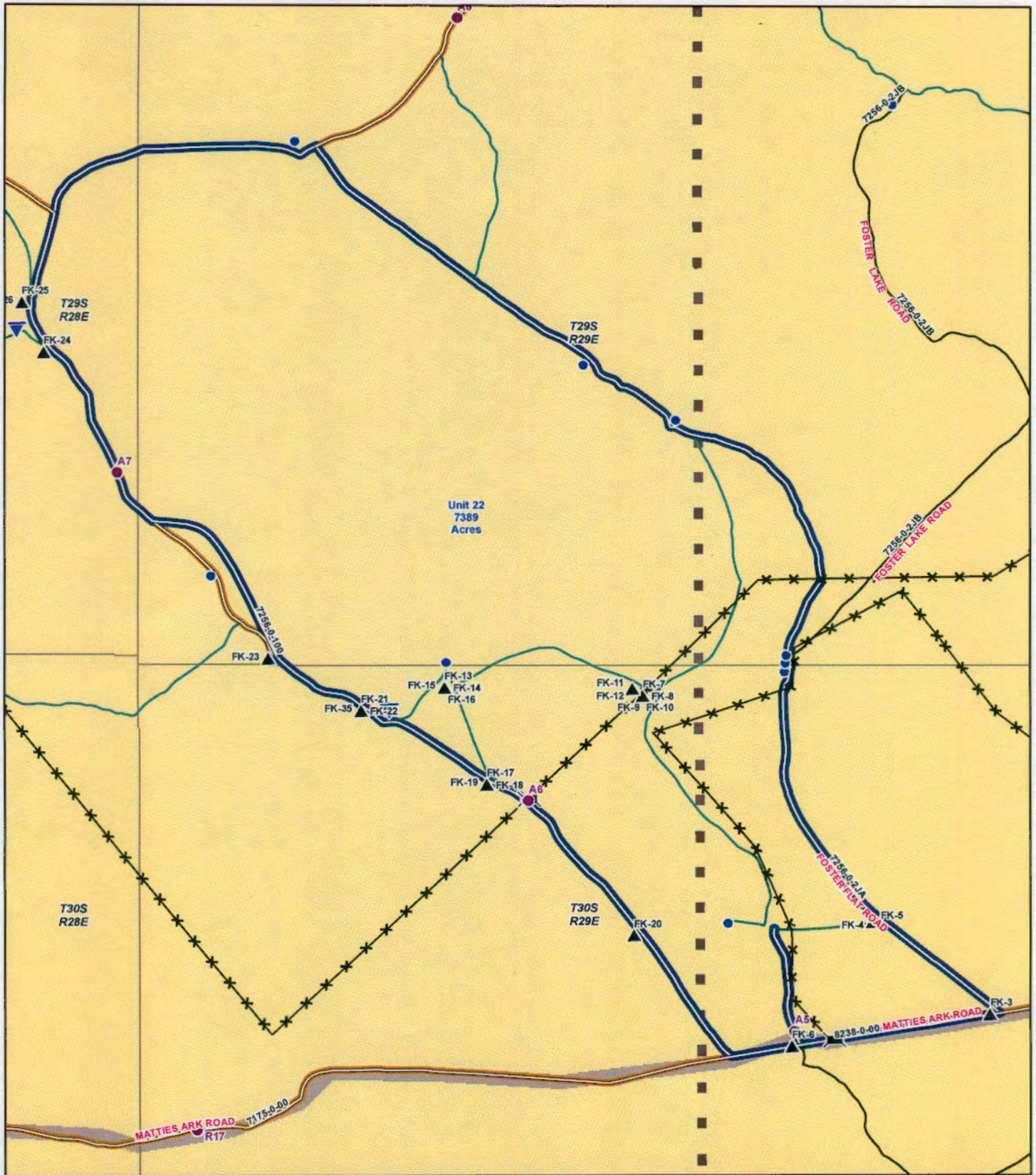

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West Warm Springs Wilderness Character Unit Map ~ 22

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| Unit | Mineral Materials Sites | STUDY PLOT | BRUSHBEAT | Powerline | Wildfires 2002 to Present |
| Adjacent Units | CATTLE GUARD | TANK | DIKE | Unit Boundary Roads | Bureau of Land Management |
| BLM Photo Points | CORRAL | WATERHOLE | DRIFT FENCE | Interior Primitive Roads | BLM Wilderness Study Area |
| ONDA Photo Points | GATE | WELL | FENCE | State | U.S. Fish & Wildlife |
| ONDA Unit Buzzard Creek | RESERVOIR | Major Roads | PIPELINE | No. Great Basin Exp. Range | Private |
| Burns District Boundary | | | SNOW FENCE | EXCLOSURE FENCE | |
| | | | | SEEDING | |

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