

Year: 2018

Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-161/ Sunstone

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 – Proposed Initial Inventory: Roadless Areas and Islands Which Clearly Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics; USDI BLM - Oregon and Washington, April 1979.

b) Inventory Unit Number(s)/Name(s): 1-161/ Sunstone

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Proposed Initial Inventory: Roadless Areas and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics; USDI BLM - Oregon, April 1979.

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): 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/acreage and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Unit#	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
1-161	9,200	N	N	N	N
1-161*	5,179	N	N/A	N/A	N/A

* The inventory of this unit was updated in 2011. However, due to a State Office-sponsored Wilderness Inventory Consistency Evaluation and subsequent guidance, the 2011 inventory analysis and findings are being replaced by this current 2018 inventory review. Documentation of the 2011 inventory can be found in the wilderness inventory project record.

Summarize any known primary reasons for prior inventory findings listed in this table:

This unit contained approximately 9,200 acres of public land, bounded by roads, approximately 20 miles north of Plush. The area was described as a large sage basin with low ground cover. The area had been extensively used by rock hounds, ORV recreationists, and mining interests. Additionally, the unit was significantly impacted by numerous "ways." The works of man dominated the area. Few opportunities existed for solitude or unconfined recreation.

FORM 2

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY CONDITIONS

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(1) Is the unit of sufficient size? Yes No

Between 2008 and 2016, BLM staff conducted field inventory in the area as part of a process to update its road and wilderness inventories and to gather additional information to supplement ONDA's wilderness information. This fieldwork included photo documentation of the boundary and interior routes and a re-evaluation of wilderness characteristics for this area. Using both ONDA and BLM photos, field logs, and staff field knowledge, the BLM completed route analysis within the area in 2017.

The BLM determined that the inventory unit is bounded by BLM Roads 6195-00 (Sunstone Road) on the west; 6115-00 (Sherlock Gulch Road) to the south; 7145-00 (Last Chance Lakes Road) and private lands to the north; and BLM interim numbered roads 6115-C0, 6115-CA, and SS Mine A Road to the east.

Thus, based on these boundary and road determinations, the BLM found the Sunstone inventory unit to not meet minimum size criteria at approximately 4,772 acres of BLM-administered land.

Additional background on the process that the BLM followed during this evaluation is contained in the document, *Wilderness Inventory Maintenance Process for the Lakeview Resource Area, BLM* and in the *Route Analysis Forms*. Both documents can be found in the wilderness inventory file.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:

This unit is located approximately 20 miles north of Plush, Oregon. The unit consists of a large basin and is vegetated primarily by low sagebrush and other desert shrubs. The terrain is mostly flat with a few shallow ephemeral draws. Approximately 1,200 acres of the Sunstone Public Collection Area is located within the unit.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition? Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Naturalness was not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the size criteria.

(3) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for solitude?** Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Opportunities for solitude were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the size criteria.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) **have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the size criteria.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values? Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

Supplemental values were not evaluated because the unit failed to meet the size criteria.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

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Summary Results of Analysis:


- 1. Does the area meet the size requirements? ___ Yes X No
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? ___ Yes ___ No X NA
- 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:
(*items 1, 2 and 3 must be checked "yes"*).

X The area does not have wilderness character: (*any of items 1, 2 and 3 are checked "no"*).

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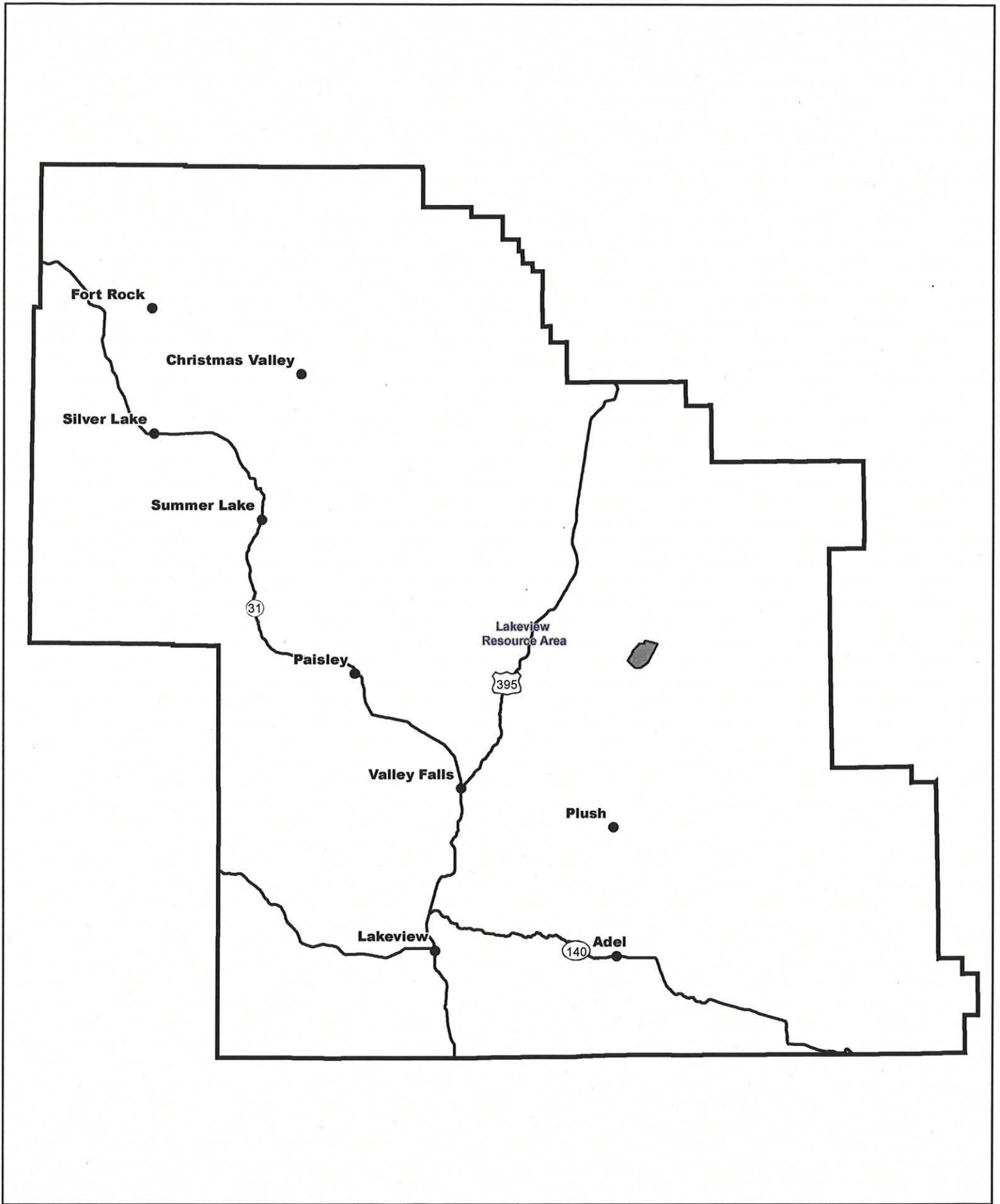
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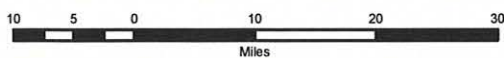

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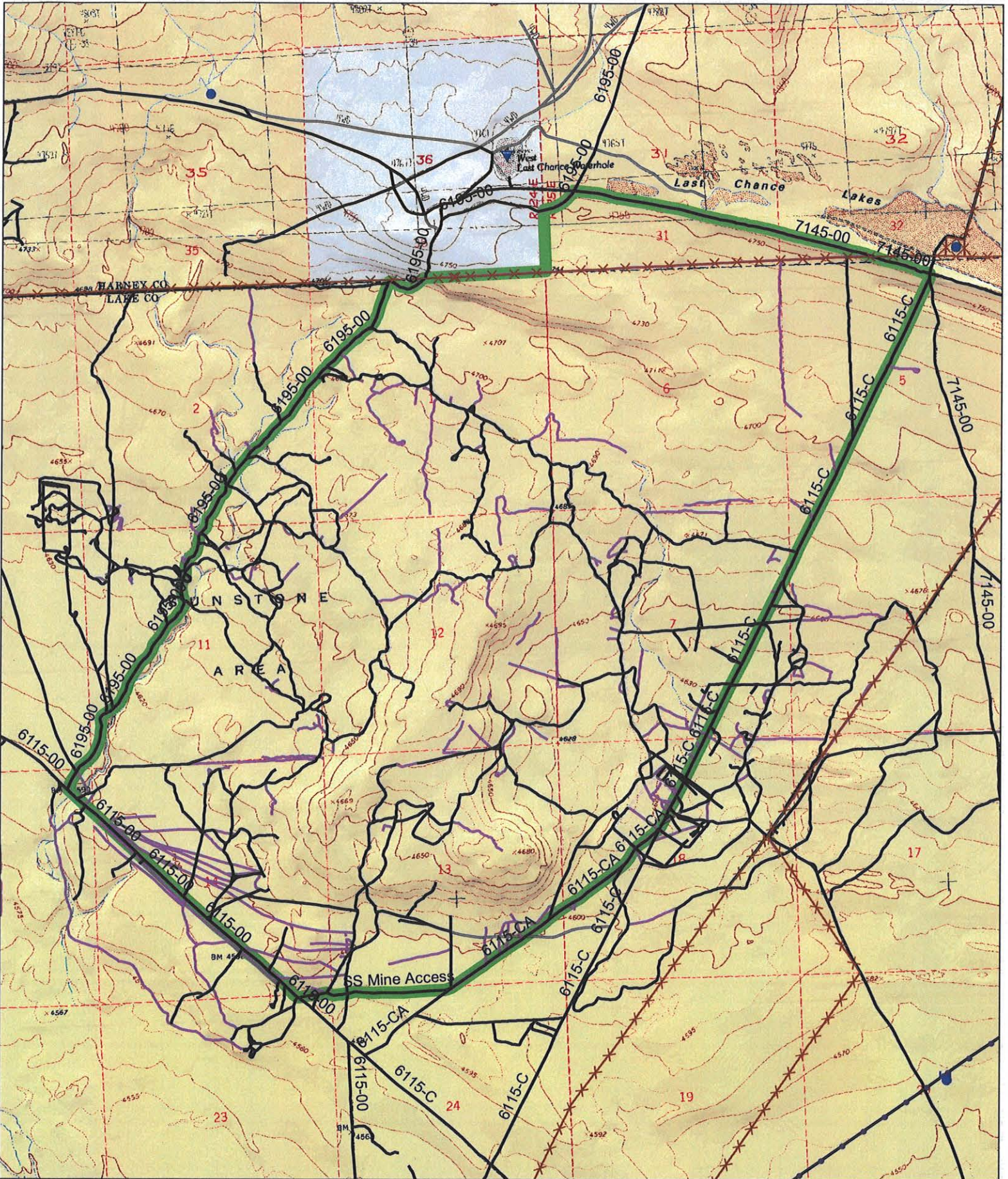
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 Wilderness Character Inventory Unit



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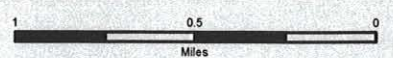
- Wilderness Character Inventory Unit**
- Ownership**
- Bureau of Land Management
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - State
 - Private/Unknown

- Roads/Trails**
- Motorized Routes
 - Closed Routes
 - Reclaiming Routes
 - Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails
 - Interim Routes

- Pipelines and Ditches**
- Ditch
 - Water Pipeline
 - Guzzler
 - Fences

- Water Developments**
- Dam
 - Reservoir
 - Spring Development
 - Trough
 - Water Diversion

- Water Tank
- Waterhole
- Well - Water



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