

Year: 2018

Inventory Unit Number/Name: OR-015-112B/ Swamp 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  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):** 1-112

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Final Decision - Initial Wilderness Inventory: Public Lands and Islands Which Do Not Have Wilderness Characteristics and Units To Be Intensively Inventoried; USDI BLM - Oregon, August 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 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
1-112	8,800	Y	N	N	N/A
1-112B*	8,615	N	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*The inventory of this unit was updated in 2012. However, due to a State Office-sponsored Wilderness Inventory Consistency Evaluation and subsequent guidance, the 2012 inventory analysis and findings are being replaced by this current 2018 inventory review. Documentation of the 2012 inventory can be found in the wilderness inventory project record.

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

The unit contained approximately 8,800 acres of public land three miles north of Plush. The unit was bounded on the west and north by roads; private lands form the east and south boundaries. The area was primarily an alkali flat with greasewood and saltbrush cover. The adjacent private lands were cultivated. The unit was generally natural, but the effects of activities and developments on adjacent private lands were noticeable in the unit because of a lack of topographic and vegetative screening. Opportunities for solitude or unconfined recreation were minimal.

**FORM 2**

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

**Unit Number/Name:** OR-015-112B/ Swamp Lake

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

Between 2007 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 Interim numbered roads 0105-00, 0105-B0, State of Oregon lands, and private lands to the south; a right-of-way for County Road 3-11 to the north; a right-of-way for County Road 3-10 to the west; and a right-of-way for County Road 3-12 to the east. Due to changes in boundary determinations (road and jurisdictional transfers) and cut-outs of unnatural features (water diversion dikes, water tank, well house, pipeline, and troughs), approximately 5,306 acres were added to the unit.

Thus, based on these boundary and road determinations, the BLM found the Swamp Lake inventory unit to exceed the minimum size criteria at approximately 13,921 acres of BLM-administered lands.

Additional background on the process 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 7 miles north of Plush, Oregon. It is approximately 7 miles long by 5 miles wide. Topographically, the entire unit falls within the Warner Valley/ Warner Lakes area and as such is comprised of numerous small sand dunes (5-10 ft. high), alkali

flats, and seasonal wetland/ dry lakebeds (5-15 ft. deep) including Mugwump Lake. Larger sand dunes/ lakeshore dunes on the northeast boundary range from 20-50 feet high. Overall, the unit ranges in elevation from 4,470 to 4,660 feet. Vegetatively, consists of greasewood, saltbrush, and grasses.

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

In 1979, historic Unit 1-112 was found to be generally natural. However, the effects of agricultural activities and developments on adjacent private lands were noticeable in the unit because of a lack of topographic and vegetative screening.

The unit currently contains the following man-made developments/disturbances: 1,881 acres of chemical treatments, 271 acres of wildfire, 172 acres of prescribed burns, 18 miles of fence, 26 miles of mostly rehabbed/reclaimed routes, and 17 miles mostly rehabbed/reclaimed closed routes.

Presently, almost 4 decades after the original inventory, these developments are weathered and grown over with herbaceous grasses and sagebrush. As a result, developments now fade into the background of the unit and are largely only noticeable at a close distance (1/4<sup>th</sup> mile or less) and are thus substantially unnoticeable from further distances. Furthermore, many of the disturbances are located near the perimeter of the unit and, as such, have a small area of influence. Areas that were seeded or allowed to revegetate naturally, have been invaded by greasewood, saltbrush, and grasses and have returned to a natural, post fire, appearing condition.

Based on a review of all the available information including photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM concluded that the unit appears in a natural condition where the imprints of man are substantially unnoticeable.

**(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

In 1979, historic Unit 1-112 was found to lack outstanding opportunities for solitude.

The BLM acknowledges that there are limited opportunities for solitude within the Swamp Lake inventory unit. Topographically, the entire unit falls within the Warner Valley/ Warner Lakes area and as such is comprised of numerous small sand dunes (5-10 ft. high), alkali flats, and seasonal wetland/ dry lakebeds (5-15 ft. deep) including Mugwump Lake. Larger sand dunes/ lakeshore dunes on the northeast boundary range from 20-50 feet high. Overall, the unit ranges in elevation from 4,470 to 4,660 feet. Vegetatively, consists of greasewood, saltbrush, and grasses. These opportunities are less than outstanding as the area's characteristic landscape almost completely lacks vegetative screening and existing topographic screening is insufficient to effectively allow those recreating in the area to avoid the sights and sounds of others.

Thus, for the reasons specified above and based on a review of all the available information including (BLM and citizen provided) photos, staff knowledge, and field review, the BLM concluded the Swamp Lake inventory unit does not possess outstanding opportunities for solitude.

**(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  X  N/A \_\_\_\_\_

In 1979, historic Unit 1-112 was found to lack outstanding opportunities for unconfined recreation.

The BLM finds the unit offers limited opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, backpacking, camping, wildlife observation, exploration, scenery, photography, stargazing, trapping, and hunting. However, the BLM determined that the unit does not possess outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation through either the diversity of recreational activities possible in the area or by the outstanding quality of one opportunity relative to opportunities found within the Lakeview Resource Area.

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

Supplemental values were not evaluated as the unit was determined to lack both outstanding opportunities for solitude and or primitive and unconfined recreation, and therefore does not meet the minimum wilderness criteria.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

**Unit Number/Name:** OR-015-112B/ Swamp Lake

**Summary Results of Analysis:**

- 1. Does the area meet 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?         Yes   X   No       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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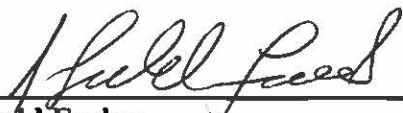
  
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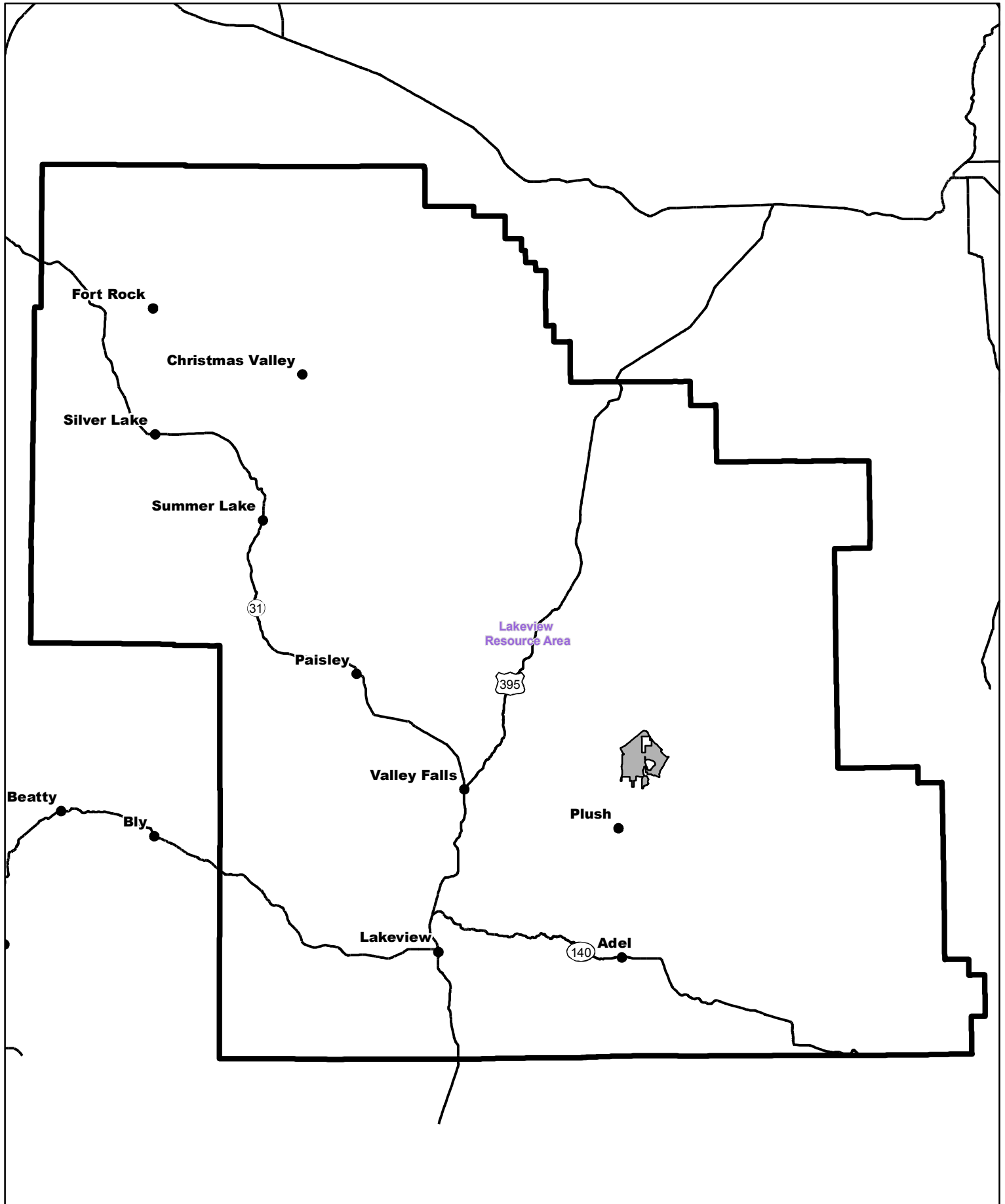
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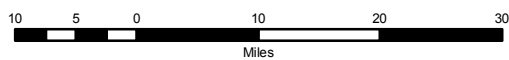
  
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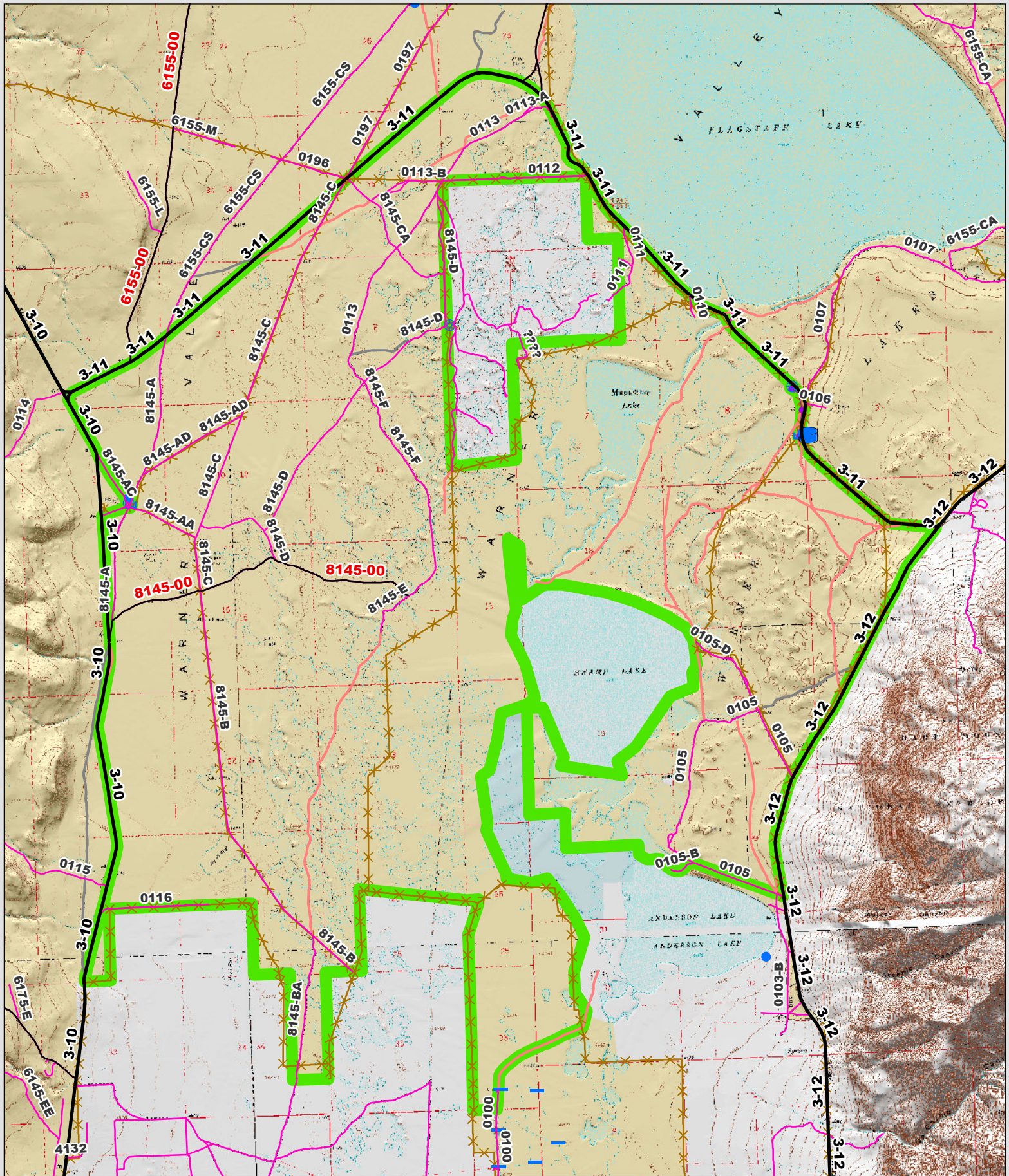
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 Wilderness Character Inventory Unit



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<p><b>Wilderness Character Inventory Unit</b></p> <p><b>Ownership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Bureau of Land Management</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightgreen; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> U.S. Forest Service</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> State</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: white; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Private/Unknown</li> </ul>	<p><b>Roads/Trails</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 2px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Motorized Routes</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 2px solid red; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Highways</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 2px solid gray; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Reclaiming Routes</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 2px dashed gray; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Interim Routes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pipelines and Ditches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Ditch</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 1px solid purple; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Water Pipeline</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: cyan; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Guzzler</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; border-bottom: 1px dashed orange; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Fences</li> </ul>	<p><b>Water Developments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Dam</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Reservoir</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Spring Development</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Trough</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Water Diversion</li> </ul>	<p><b>Water Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: blue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Water Tank</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: blue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Waterhole</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: blue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Well - Water</li> </ul>	<p>1 0.5 0 1 Miles</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 8px;"> <p>No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.</p> </div>
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