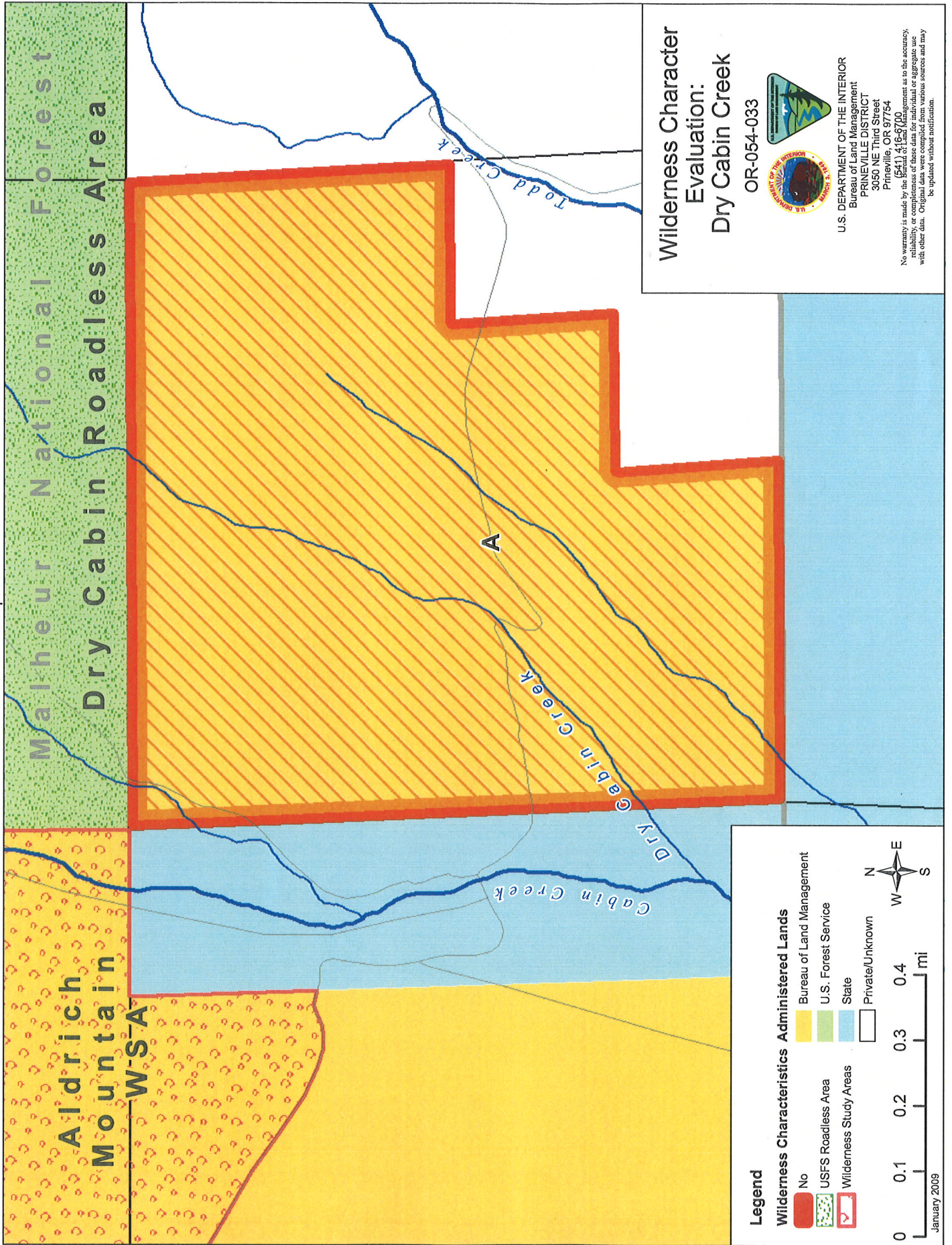


Map 1



Legend

Wilderness Characteristics Administered Lands

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- State
- Private/Unknown

Wilderness Study Areas

- No
- USFS Roadless Area
- Wilderness Study Area

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January 2009

**Wilderness Character
Evaluation:
Dry Cabin Creek**

OR-054-033



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T 14 S

T 15 S

R 27 E

2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-033/ Dry Cabin Creek Inventory Unit

1. Previous BLM wilderness inventory?

No _____ Yes X Partial _____

a) Inventory Source: Bureau of Land Management, OR/WA Wilderness Review Initial Inventory Final Decision, August 1979.

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): Dry Cabin Parcel II/ OR-2-104

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): 1979 Final Decision- Initial Wilderness Inventory Map

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Burns District Office (District boundaries were later changed and these lands became part of the Prineville District, Central Oregon Resource Area.)

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
OR-2-104 Dry Cabin Parcel II	520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. New Wilderness Characteristic Review

Private Recommendation: Yes X No _____ by? ONDA submitted these lands as a portion of its Murderer's Creek Proposed WSA, on 2/15/2006

Results of BLM Analysis: (separate by subunit if appropriate)

Unit#/ Name	Size (acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N/NA	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N/NA	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N/NA	Supplemental Values? Y/N/NA
OR-054-033 Dry Cabin Creek	522	N	NA	NA	NA

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Conclusion
Check One:

Area reviewed lacks sufficient size and does not meet one of the exceptions for small size.

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

The area does not have wilderness character.

(1) Describe current conditions: (Include boundary features, land ownership, size, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

The inventory unit is located in Grant County, Oregon, approximately 12 miles southeast of the town of Dayville. The unit is bordered on the north side by the USFS Forest Dry Cabin Roadless Area, on the west side by Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area, and the south by the state wildlife area and private lands, and on the east side by private lands.

Location of Unit: The unit includes all of the BLM lands in T. 14 S., R. 27 E., Section 35. The unit is approximately 522 acres in size.

Description: The lands are high, open rocky bench lands dissected by two creeks. The lands slope to the south and make up a portion of the lower flanks of the Aldrich Mountains.

Original 1979 Inventory

The area was dropped from further consideration as wilderness during the initial inventory phase. The initial inventory report found that:

“The area does not meet the size criteria and is not of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.”

Current Inventory

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No NA

Describe:

There is one vehicle route which traverses the unit, which BLM has determined to be a road (see Road Analysis Form), and the road itself is not in a natural condition. There is a wildlife guzzler located in the unit, and fences that surround the unit and run through the unit. Due to the wide open nature of the unit and the sparse vegetation, the fences are noticeable from many portions of the unit.

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

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Description:

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

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Description:

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes _____ No _____ NA X

Description:

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Prepared by:

Team Members: (Names, Titles, Date)

Initial Review Aug. 14, 2007 by: Heidi Mottl (Recreation/Wilderness), Teal Purrington (NEPA/Planning), Dorothy Thomas (GIS), Anna Smith (Hydrology), Mike Tietmeyer (Range), Dan Tippy (Assistant Field Manager), Rick Demmer (Riparian), Monte Kuk (Wildlife), Robert Vidourek (Forestry), Mike Williams (Planning), Berry Phelps (Recreation), Craig Obermiller (Range), John Morris (Fish), Dana Cork (Transportation), Christina M. Welch (Field Manager), Don Tschida (Fire), Gavin Hoban (GIS), John Zancanella (Cultural), JoAnne Armson (Plants).

Realty/Mineral Records researched by Timothy Finger, BLM Wilderness Specialist on detail from Richland, UT, October, 2008.

Approved by:

Christina M. Welch
Field Manager

Oct. 31, 2007
Date

This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.

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PURPOSE:

This addendum provides signatory authority across gaps in supervisory oversight in the preparation process.

DISCUSSION:

Further study has been conducted to validate the findings approved by the original signator, Christina Welch. As the new Field Manger for the Resource Area and Ms. Welch's replacement I have been briefed by the specialists assigned on the contents and underlying rationale for the findings contained in this document. I approve these findings with my signature below.

APPROVED BY:


SIGNATURE

Thursday, July 08, 2010

John Day Basin RMP Road Analysis Form

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): OR-054-033/ Dry Cabin Creek Inventory Unit

Route Name and/or Identifier: Route A (shown as Route A on Map 1)

I. LOCATION: Please refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). Route begins and ends on public lands in T 14 S., R 27 E., Section 35. The route travels across the unit from west to east for a distance of about 1 mile, fording Dry Cabin Creek en route.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE: The route is designated as closed to public use through the Cooperative Travel Management Plan jointly developed and implemented by the BLM, USFS, and ODFW for all the lands within or adjacent to the Phillip Schneider Wildlife Area. The route provides administrative access for wildlife management actions associated with the wildlife area, primarily transporting fencing materials to maintain the fences that surround the unit. The route was also used extensively in wildfire suppression activities during the 2006 Shaketable fire and a 2008 wildfire located partially within the unit.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Yes _____ No X Unknown _____

IV. CONSTRUCTION

Yes X No _____

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed X Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____
Cut/Fill X Other _____

The 1979 inventory called this route a “way”, but the current inventory determined that the route has been bladed, and cut and fill construction techniques have been used to climb in and out of the draw at the Dry Cabin Creek ford. Piles of rocks are visible along the sides of the road on the flats.

V. IMPROVEMENTS

Yes _____ No X

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By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____ Barriers _____ Other _____

VI. MAINTENANCE:

A. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes _____ No X

Hand Tools ___(Y/N)_____ Machine ___(Y/N)_____

Explain: See BLM FAMS data in reference section. Is it scheduled route to receive maintenance? This is not a BLM FAMS Road and BLM does not intend to maintain it.

B. If route is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM in the event this route became impassable?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Comments: BLM would allow ODFW to maintain the route as necessary.

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes X No _____

VIII. CONCLUSION:

To meet the definition of a road, items IV or V, and VI-A or B, and VII must be checked yes.

Road: Yes X No _____

Explanation: The route was constructed, but it does not appear to have been maintained. BLM would allow ODFW to maintain the route as necessary.

Evaluator(s): Heidi Mottl Date: 9/30/07

* **road**: An access route which has been **improved and maintained** by **mechanical means** to insure **relatively regular and continuous use**. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. **“Improved and maintained”** – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. **“Improved”** does not necessarily mean formal construction. **“Maintained”** does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

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b. **“Mechanical means”** – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. **“Relatively regular and continuous use”** – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

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REFERENCES

Realty Program –

- a. MTP for T. 14 S., R. 27 E.

Mineral Program –

- a. Oil and Gas Lease review, BLM data base
- b. BLM LR 2000 Record, BLM database

GIS Program –

- a. USGS National Map project
- b. BLM GIS data

Mapping Program –

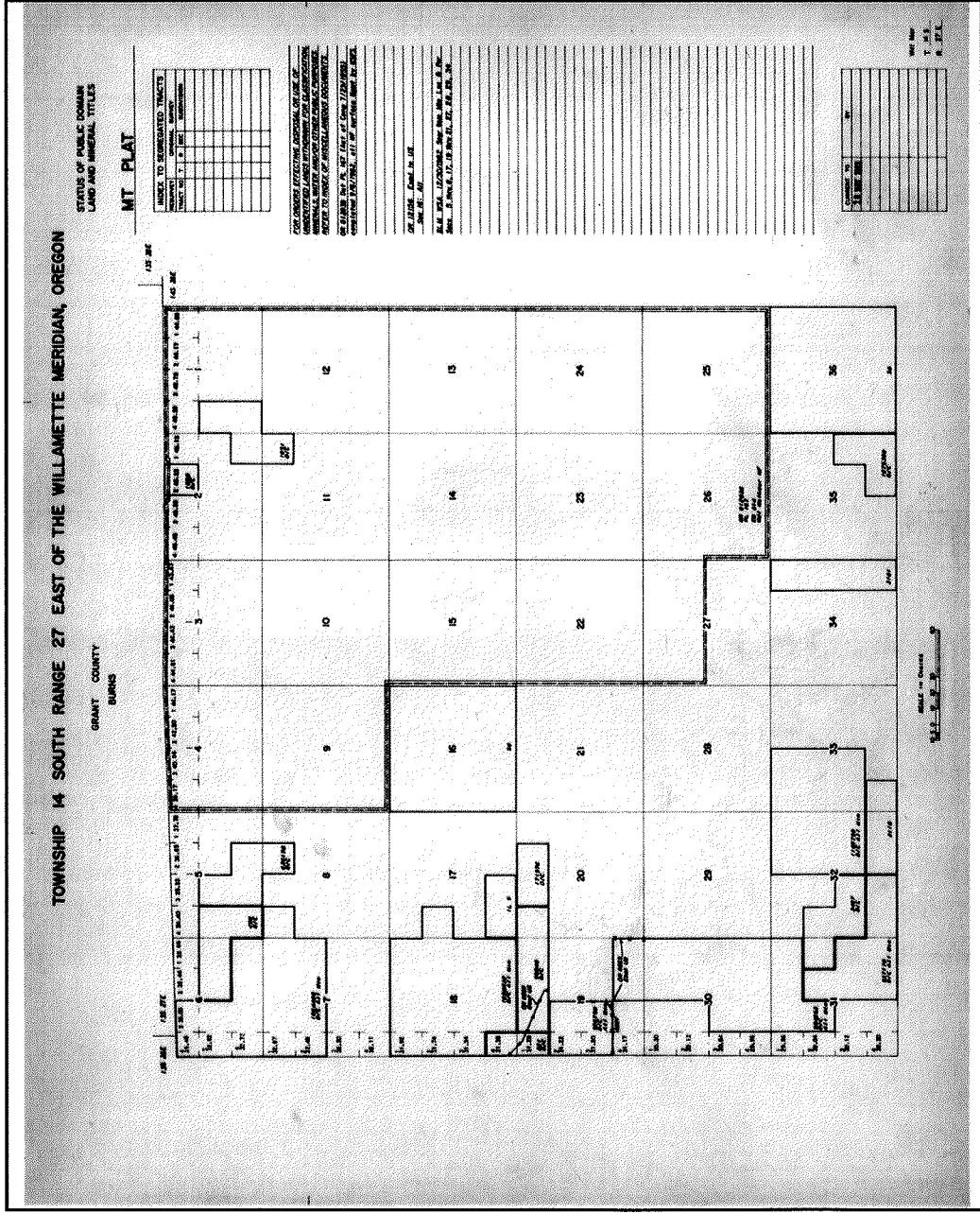
- a. Google Earth Commercial Mapping System, 2009
- b. Murderer's Creek – Flagtail Cooperative Travel management Area Map, 2009

Team Comments – 8/14/07:

Tippy- Land is adjacent to FS and roadless

Morris- There is a road through the middle that goes to private land.

Kuk- It has active restoration with upland shrubs and has a guzzler in it.



Aldrich Mtn.
WSA

USFS Roadless

T14S-R27E

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Dry Cabin CK
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Closer View of
Dry Cabin 033

T14S-R27E

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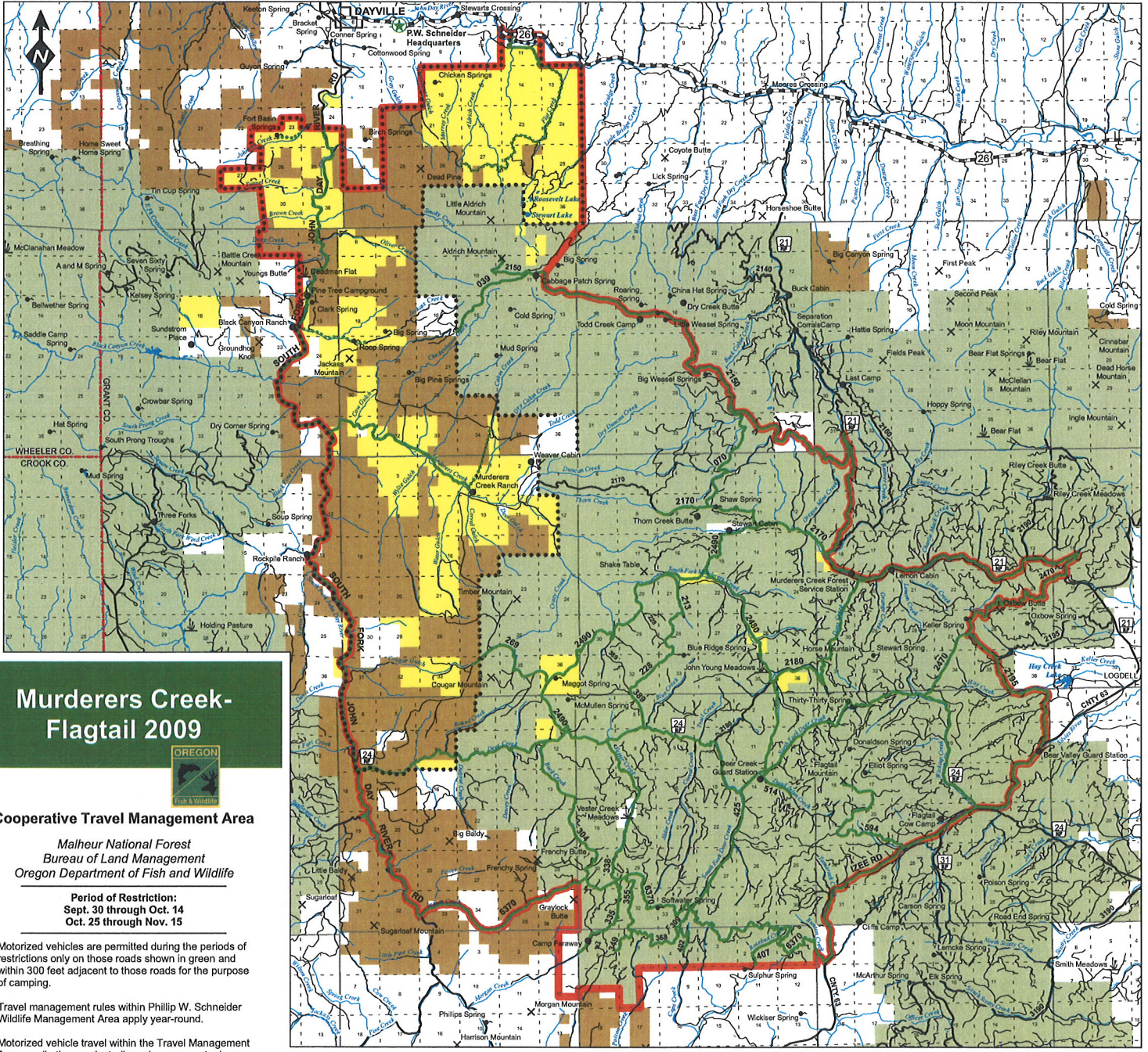
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elev 3732 ft

Eye alt 9335 ft



Murderers Creek-Flagtail 2009



Cooperative Travel Management Area
 Malheur National Forest
 Bureau of Land Management
 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Period of Restriction:
 Sept. 30 through Oct. 14
 Oct. 25 through Nov. 15

Motorized vehicles are permitted during the periods of restrictions only on those roads shown in green and within 300 feet adjacent to those roads for the purpose of camping.

Travel management rules within Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Management Area apply year-round.

Motorized vehicle travel within the Travel Management Area on all other roads, trails and cross-country is prohibited except by special permit from the appropriate land-managing agency shown above.

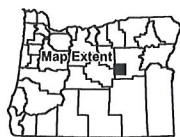
OBJECTIVES:

1. Protect soils and wildlife habitat
2. Minimize harassment of wildlife
3. Maintain adequate buck and bull escapement
4. Promote quality hunting

A CONTROLLED HUNT PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO HUNT DEER AND ELK IN THE WILDLIFE UNIT CONTAINING THIS COOPERATIVE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT AREA.



revised 05/2009



The green reflector (dot) system of posting open roads is used in this area. There will generally be no posting of closed roads or areas.



- Travel Management Area
- Open Roads
- Road Closed Dec. 1 through Apr. 30
- Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area
- County Line
- USFS Land
- BLM Land
- State Land
- Private Land

Violation Report	
If you witness a violation, record information on this form and present it to an official.	
Time _____	Date _____
Vehicle make, model & color _____	
Vehicle license & state _____	
Location / road number _____	
Number of persons involved _____	
Describe violation _____	
Witness Contact Information _____	
Mail to: Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division 255 Capitol St NE, 4th Floor Salem, OR 97310	

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