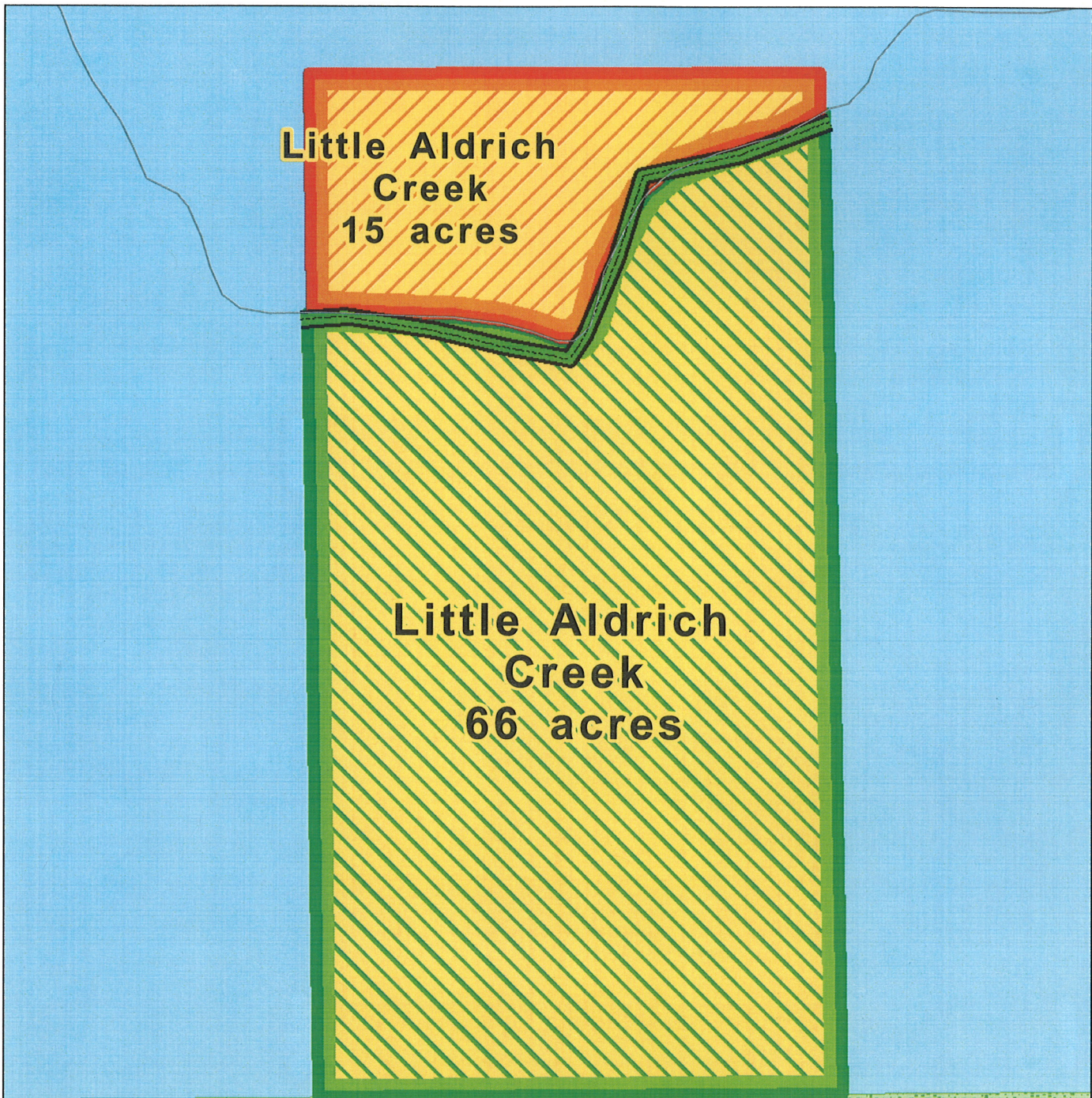


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Aldrich Mountain Roadless Area
Malheur National Forest

Legend

Right of Way	Administered Land	
Wilderness Characteristics	Bureau of Land Management	
Yes	U.S. Forest Service	
No	State	
USFS Roadless Area		

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Wilderness Character Evaluation:
Little Aldrich Creek
OR-054-034

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-034/ Little Aldrich Creek Inventory Unit

1. Previous BLM wilderness inventory?

No Yes _____ Partial _____

a) Inventory Source: N/A

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): N/A

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): N/A

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): N/A

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. New Wilderness Characteristic Review

Private Recommendation: Yes No _____ by? _____ Date _____

Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) submitted these lands as a portion of its Murderer's Creek Proposed WSA, received by the Prineville BLM on December 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
Little Aldrich Creek	81	N - 15 acres Y - 66 acres	N - 15 acres Y - 66 acres	N - 15 acres Y - 66 acres	Y

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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 lands are a small parcel of public lands located entirely within T. 13 S., R 27 E., Section 27 and which are located approximately 5 miles southeast of the community of Dayville, Oregon. The lands are adjacent on the south side to the U. S. Forest Service Aldrich Mountain Roadless Area and surrounded elsewhere by Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area. See attached maps for details.

The land parcel is a small portion of the lower, north facing slope of Aldrich Mountain. The lands are vegetated with plant species common to the Ochoco Mountains and the greater central Oregon region as a whole and provide critical habitat for elk, mule deer and antelope.

These lands are bisected by an unnamed BLM Road which has a ROW application (OR 3514) pending. The road is designated as "Open Seasonally" 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 portion of the inventory unit north of the road would not qualify for further wilderness consideration, since it is an isolated parcel and is not adjacent to the U. S. Forest Service Roadless Area to the south. (See attached Road Analysis Form.)

The lands are grazed under a commercial permit authorized by the BLM as Grazing Allotment # 4020.

The lands have been previously leased for potential oil and gas development, although there has been no development.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes -Partial No NA

Describe:

The lands are in a natural condition. There have been no actions which have altered the natural landscape. Adjacent to the unit, the State has recently cleared 158 acres of

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juniper for elk habitat improvement and thinned 62 acres of lands for mule deer, elk and antelope critical winter range in the proximity of the public lands. (Project OR0040235). The road which bisects the unit is found on both BLM and USGS maps and is not a natural feature. The road receives regular and continuous use and is maintained.

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

Yes -Partial No NA

Description:

Only when considered in combination with USFS Roadless Area to the south is the opportunity for solitude outstanding in the portion of the unit south of the road.

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

Yes -Partial No NA

Description:

Only when considered in combination with USFS Roadless Area to the south is the opportunity for primitive recreation outstanding in the portion of the unit south of the road.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes No NA

Description:

The greater area provides important big game habitat. The area is being specifically and intensively managed for these values jointly by the BLM and ODFW as part of the P.S. Schneider Wildlife Management Area.

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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

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John Day Basin RMP Road Analysis Form

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): OR-054-034/ Little Aldrich Creek Inventory Unit

Route Name and/or Identifier: Unnamed Road

I. LOCATION: Please refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). Route begins in T. 13 S., R. 27 E., Section 27, and travels for 1/3 mile across the unit from east to west, bisecting the unit.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE: This road provides access seasonally for recreational activities on the Phillip Schneider Wildlife Management Area. It provides access for administrative use by ODFW and BLM and for BLM grazing permit #2040.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

There is an application filed for a ROW (OR3514)

IV. CONSTRUCTION

Yes X No ___

Examples:

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

V. IMPROVEMENTS

Yes ___ No X

By Hand Tools ___ By Machine ___

Culverts ___ Stream Crossings ___ Bridges ___ Drainage ___ Barriers ___ Other

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VI. MAINTENANCE:

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

Yes X No _____

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

Explain: See BLM FAMS data in reference section. Is it scheduled route to receive maintenance? This route does not appear on the FAMS database and is not scheduled for maintenance by BLM, however, BLM will allow maintenance by ODFW.

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: The BLM, USFS, and Oregon State have jointly prepared and implemented a travel management plan for the BLM and State lands within the Wildlife Management Area and the USFS lands adjacent to it. This route is open seasonally to the public and is an important route for administration of the wildlife area.

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 road receives regular use, was constructed by mechanical means, and will be continued to be maintained for access needs.

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

1. **Realty program**

- a. Master Title Plat for T 13 S., R. 27 E.
- b. Case File Road ROW Application (OR 3514) – Shows on MTP, but unable to print a copy

2. **Mineral Program**

- a. BLM LR 2000 Record

3. **GIS Program**

- a. USGS National Map project
- b. BLM GIS data
- c. BLM Lower John Day River public lands map, June 1991
- d. Google Earth Commercial Mapping System, 2009

4. **Map Program**

- a. Murderers Creek – Flagtail 2009 Cooperative Travel Management Map

Team Comments- 8/14/07:

Not discussed.

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Road (Application)
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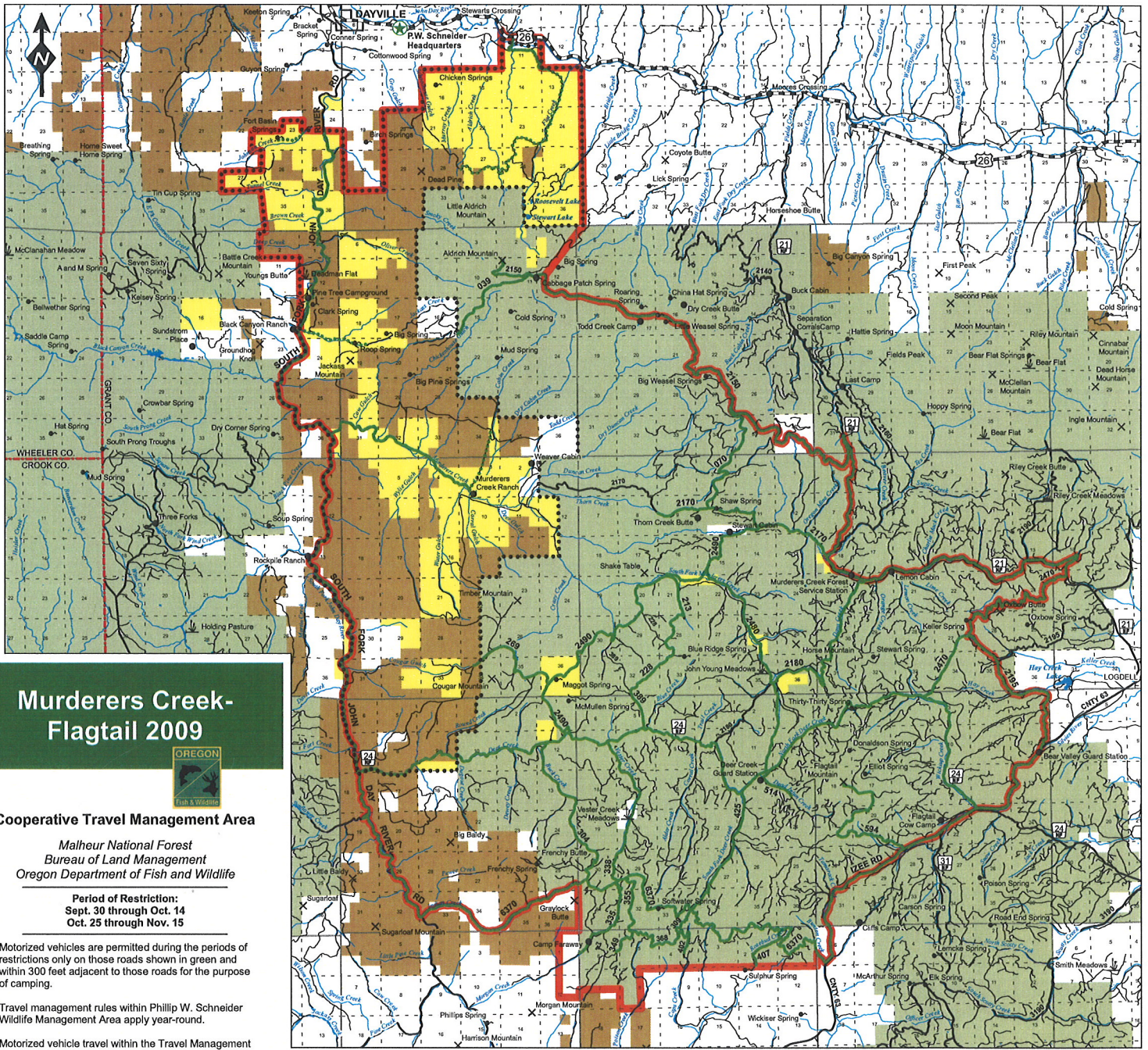
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Murderers Creek- Flagtail 2009



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:

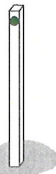
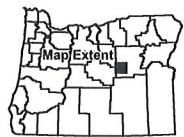
1. Protect soils and wildlife habitat
2. Minimize harassment of wildlife
3. Maintain adequate buck and bull escapement
4. Promote quality hunting

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

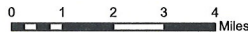


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The green reflector (dot) system of posting open roads is used in this area. There will generally be no posting of closed roads or areas.



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- 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	