

**Wilderness Character
Evaluation:
Capsutte Creek**

OR-054-039



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**Capsutte Creek
241 acres**

Matheur National Forest
McClellan Mountain
Roadless Area



Legend
Wilderness Characteristics

- No
- USFS Roadless Area
- Administered Land**
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Private/Unknown

0 0.2 0.4 Miles

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T 14 S

R 30 E

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2008 John Day Basin Wilderness Character Evaluation Form

Wilderness Character Evaluation For: OR-054-039/ Capsutte 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): McClellan Mountain 1 / OR-2-101

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

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-2-101 McClellan Mountain 1	240	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The area was dropped from further consideration as wilderness during the initial inventory phase. The initial inventory report found that the area was not of sufficient size and obviously and clearly did not have potential for wilderness.

2. New Wilderness Characteristic Review

Private Recommendation: Yes _____ No X by _____ Date _____

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-054-039	241	N	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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).

Location: The lands are located in Grant County, south of US Highway 26, approximately 5 miles south of the town of Mt. Vernon. The unit is bordered on the west and east sides by US Forest Service Roadless Area (Malheur National Forest) and bordered on the east and north sides by private lands. The unit is 241 acres in size.

Location of Unit: Portions of or all public lands in T. 14 S., R. 30 E., Section 17.

Description: The unit is located on the steep north slopes of the Aldrich Mountain range, which is bisected by many steep side canyons that drop down to the John Day River valley below. One of these side canyons, formed by Capsutte Creek, is located within the unit. Capsutte Creek, an ephemeral stream, appears to begin within the unit and flows south through approximately 1/2 mile of the unit before entering private land. The vegetation in the unit includes mixed conifer forest of Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir, as well as open areas of grass, bitterbrush, mountain mahogany and rabbitbrush. Elk sign is prevalent in the area. The BLM Visual Resource Management Class of the area is VRM Class II.

The unit is authorized for commercial grazing under BLM permit (Cold Springs Allotment # 4059). Timber has been harvested on a portion of the unit. There are several vehicle routes within the unit. Public access to the unit is available from the Forest Service lands to the south. No other public access is available. Adjacent landowners probably use the lands for hunting, and some hunters may find their way to the unit via the Forest Service land.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No NA

Description:

The unit has been modified by man. Timber has been harvested on much of the unit and tractor tracks (used in harvesting) are still visible in some locations. Approximately 2 miles of vehicle routes cross the unit; some were constructed with equipment, and some are simple two-tracks.

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The unit contains a vehicle route (approx. 1.5 mi., see Road Analysis Form) that was constructed with equipment and shows evidence of cut and fill construction, although the attached 2008 Road Analysis Form rates it as a way as BLM does not intend to maintain it.

(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:

Christine 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

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Capsutte Creek (OR-054-039)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Unknown

I. LOCATION: Please refer to attached maps and photo and BLM corporate data (GIS).
Route begins in T 14 S, R 30 E, Section 17, NE ¼ of the SW ¼ and crosses the unit from east to west. A spur comes off of the route in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ and heads south for about 1/8 mile before turning east and continuing till it ends near the south boundary of the unit at the USFS boundary. Total mileage of the route is approximately 1.5 miles.

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE: Hunting access for adjacent landowner and guests, fence maintenance, annual livestock turn-out and retrieval for grazing lease.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

IV. CONSTRUCTION

Yes X No ___

Examples:

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

V. IMPROVEMENTS

Yes ___ No X

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

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

Explain: See BLM FAMS data in reference section. Is the route scheduled to receive maintenance? No

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 _____ No X

Comments: _____

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 _____ No X

Explanation: BLM does not intend to maintain the route.

Evaluator(s): Heidi Mottl with assistance from Doug Vandergon (Realty Specialist)

Date: 8/28/08

* **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.

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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John Day Basin Wilderness Characteristics – PHOTO LOG
(modify form as needed)

Photographer(s): Doug Vandergon, BLM Realty Specialist

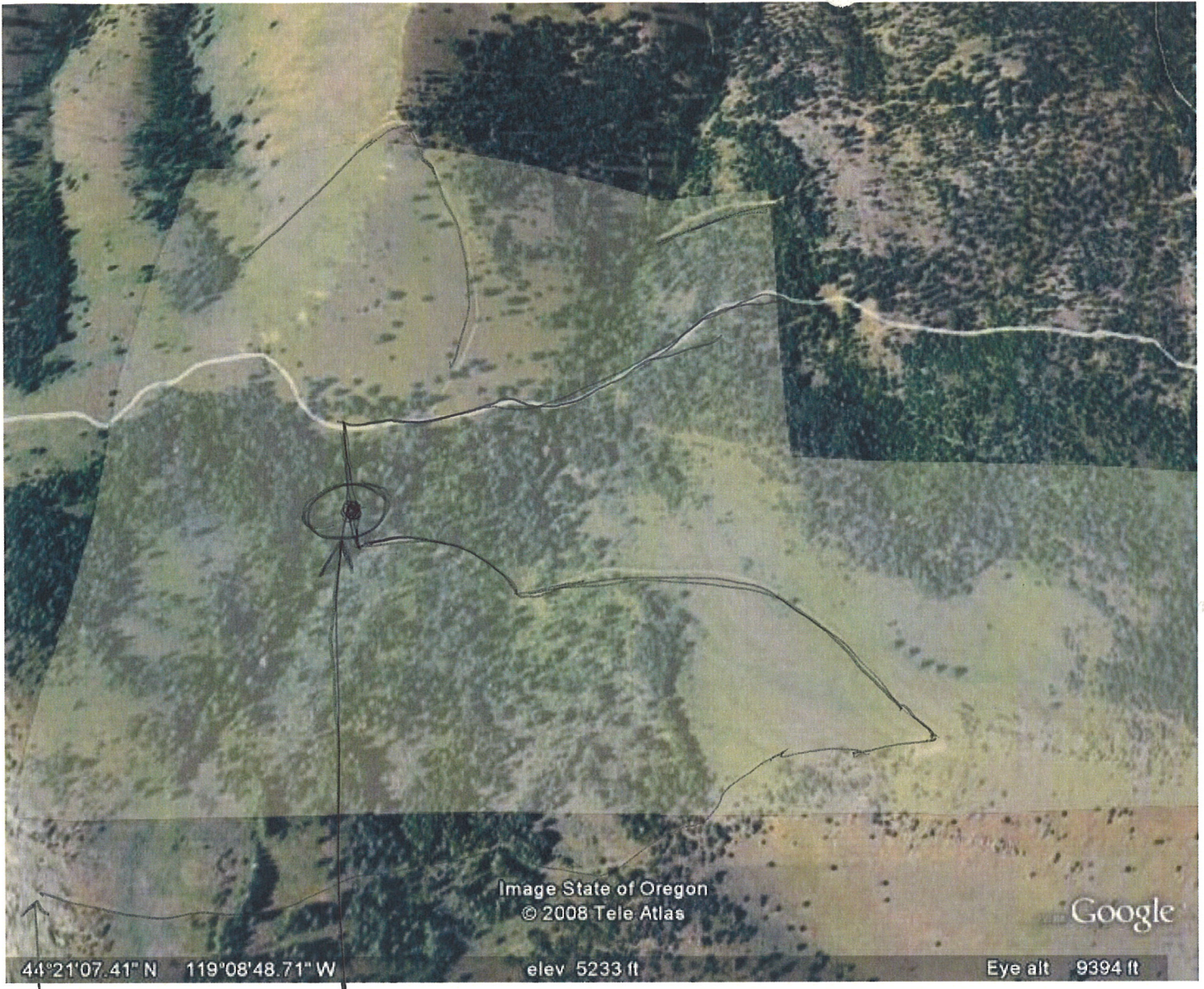
Inventory Area Name & No.: Capsutte Creek / OR-054-039

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
8/28/08	1	N	Constructed route running north-south		14 South	R 30 East	17 SW 1/4, SW 1/4



T14S, R30E, section 17, SW ¼
10/16/2008

OR-054-039 Capsutte CK. - See Google Earth Map for photo point location.



Cinnabar
Mtn.

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Photo Point - Looking North

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Capsotte Creek

REFERENCES

1. Realty program

- a. Master Title Plats
T 14 S., R 30 E.
- b. Land exchange proposal Case File: OR 51858, 6/22/2000
- c. BLM LR 2000 data base.

2. Mineral Program

Oil and Gas Lease review - *No Active Leases*
BLM LR 2000 Record

3. GIS Program

USGS National Map project
BLM GIS data
BLM Upper John Day River public lands map, June 1991
Google Earth Commercial Mapping System

The BLM has identified the following man-made features:

The lands are leased for potential oil and gas development
The lands are included in an exchange proposal: OR 51858, 6/22/2000.

Team Comments – 8/14/07:

Vidourek-The area has been heavily logged and heavily roaded.

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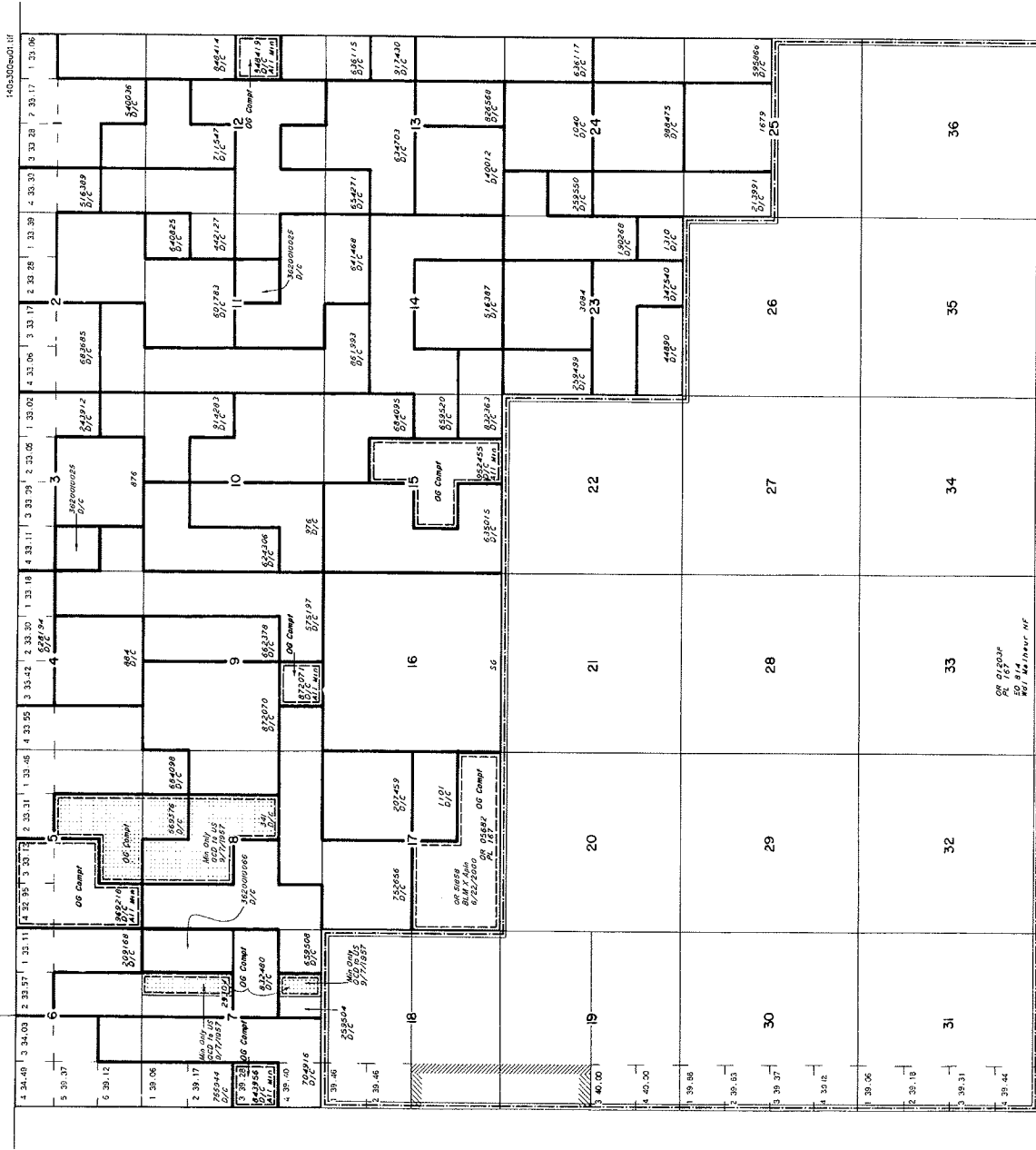
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PARTIALLY SURVEYED TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, OREGON

PRINEVILLE DISTRICT
GRANT COUNTY

Practitioner Diagram No. 44 accepted 7/28/1986
File No. 16

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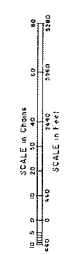
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MINERAL WATER AND/OR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES
REFER TO INDEX OF MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS
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OR 65582, 641, 167, 161, 17, Conn. 2/13/1955
Completed 9/16/1964, All NF surface Mgmt. by USFS
OR 6420, SD, O. C. Mult. Use
All unappropriated public land
See 17, 5M/A, 5I/25E/A
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Arrested near Prineville Diagram No. 44 accepted
7/28/1986 BE. PG. 16
SEE 16, 17

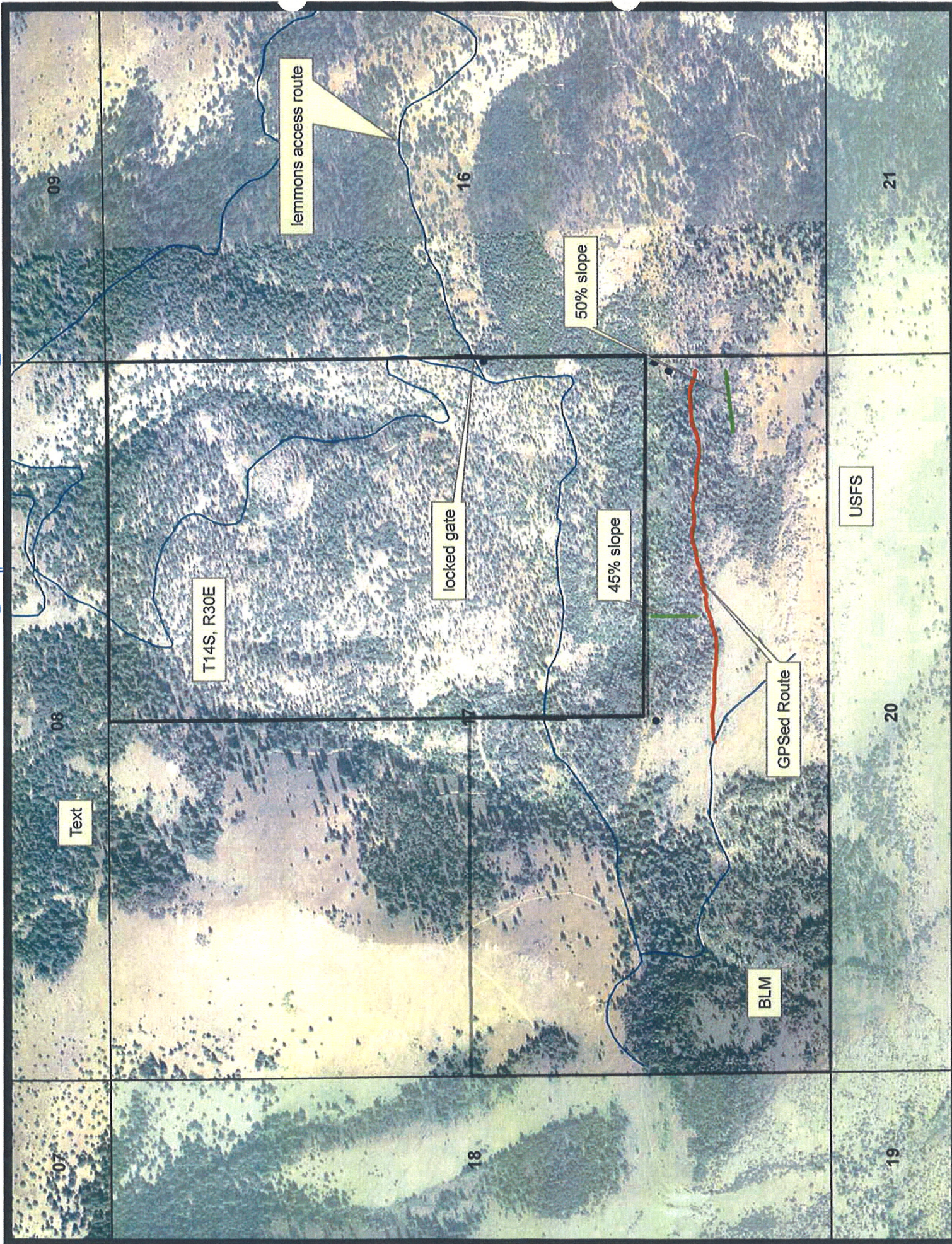
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POSTED TO PUBLIC RECORDS	01/24/2000	
SURVEYED TOWNSHIP		
SURVEYED COORDINATE SOURCE		N/A
COORD. YEAR '83 CURRENT TO		N/A
PROJECTION		N/A
COORDINATE ELEVATION		N/A
SOURCE FOR METES & BOUNDS		N/A
NOTES:		
USE PLAT	L-149 Mbs	

WARNING STATEMENT
THIS IS A PARTIAL SURVEY OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, OREGON. THE SURVEYED LANDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER PUBLIC OWNERS. THE SURVEYED LANDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER PUBLIC OWNERS.

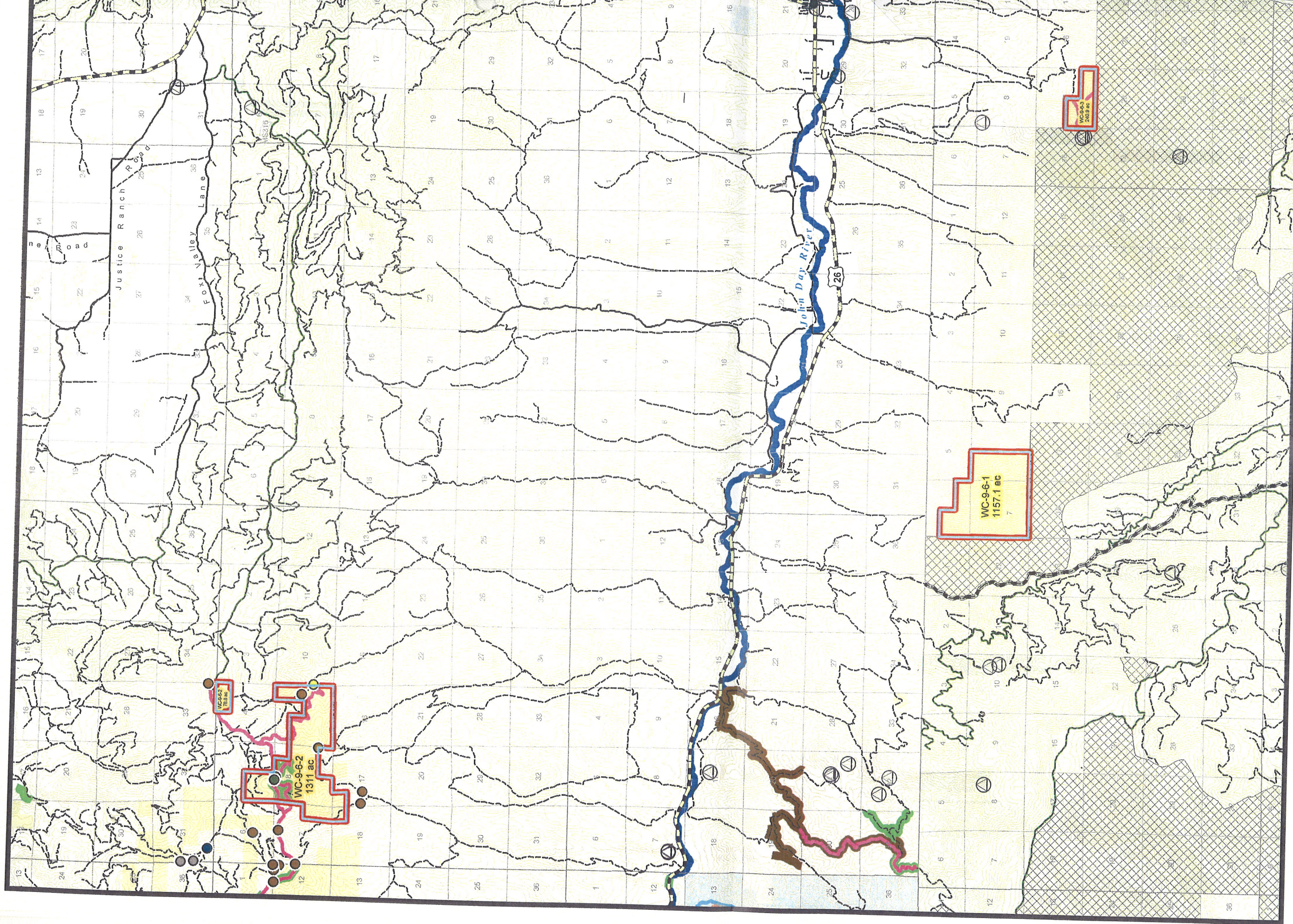


T. 14 S.
R. 30 E.

Capsule Creek



Aerial View



WC-9-6 WILDERNESS CHARACTER INVENTORY

Selected Inventory Unit
Public Access - Interim Designations US, County, State and Local Roads

Inventory Unit
BLM
US Forest Service
National Park Service
State
Private or Undefined
FS roadless areas
FS Wilderness

Rivers
Corrals
Mineral Resources
Water Points
Fences
Powerlines
Treatments

Interim Road
Interim Trail
To Private
Admin Use Only
Build New Road
BLM Maintained Roads
Easement
Right of Way
Unknown Status

Interstate Highway
US Highway
State Highway
County Road
Municipal Road
Forest Service Roads
Aerial Road
Collector Road
Local Road

Culvert
Gate
Sign
Natural Barrier
Cattle Guard
Ford
End of Road
Pipe
Washout

0 0.8 1.6 2.4 3.2 Miles

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