

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

No (Go to Form 2) Yes (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

- a) **Inventory Source:** June 2006, Wilderness Characteristics Evaluation
- b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** ORRB01
- c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):**
- d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Roseburg District, Swiftwater Field Office

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: Hard Copy 2006 Wilderness Review Sheet

Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
10-1	Did not answer	Did not answer	No	No	Yes

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: ORRB01 Acreage: 28 acres
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes No

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): 2006: "The same character exists at Myrtle Island in 2006 as it did in 1979. From the 1979 inventory: The unit is an island 28.28 acres in size."
2012: Myrtle Island is about 28 acres in size. Islands are exempt from the 5,000 acre threshold. The island is located in the middle of main stem of the Umpqua River, north of the town of Umpqua, near mile post 18 along the Tyee Road. It is in BLM ownership, the State of Oregon manages the Umpqua River, and the island is mostly surrounded by private property. One section of BLM (17) comes close to touching the Island's western end.

2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities): **2006:** "...it was designated as an ACEC/RNA in the 1995 Roseburg RMP. From 1979: ...located in the Umpqua River about 20 miles northwest of Roseburg. The island has a terraced surface typical of river islands and ranges from 5 to 40 feet above water level during the summer. The dominant vegetation is California-laurel, Polystichum minitum, and Rhus diversiloba."
2012: Myrtle Island is heavily forested at the northern end, the southern end sustains the brunt of the flooding impacts each year and the vegetation is much shorter and thinner. There is a substantial Scotch Broom population at the southern end of the Island. In the heavily vegetated northern end, numerous large myrtlewood trees are interspersed with coniferous evergreens. There were about 10 Canada Geese nested at the northern end. At least 5 thinned or cut areas are visible from the view-shed surrounding the island.

- 3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area 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

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude): 2006: "Due to the same rationale of not offering outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation, it is recommended to not pursue status to protect wilderness characteristics through Section 201 of FLPMA in the planning process."

2012: Due to the size, this area has fewer opportunities for solitude than a larger island would. The thick vegetation on the northern end helps screen out visual impacts and would provide a small pocket of isolation. Residences can be seen from most parts of the island, road noise from Tyee Road was aurally evident during the field visit, and an active logging operation is currently taking place within two miles of the unit.

- 4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area 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

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation): **2006:** "Due to the same rationale of not offering outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation, it is recommended to not pursue status to protect wilderness characteristics through Section 201 of FLPMA in the planning process."

2012: Recreational opportunities are extremely limited due to the small size of the island and the fact that Myrtle Island is an Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a Research Natural Area (RNA). The management plan for the island restricts overnight camping and actively discourages hunting, trapping, collecting of rocks and plants and hiking. Therefore, having an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation is virtually non-existent.

- (5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes No N/A

Description: 2012: Myrtle Island is currently designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and a Research Natural Area for its old growth stand of California-laurel.

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: ORRB01

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When wilderness characteristics have been identified in an area that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included within the lands with wilderness characteristics (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes No N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes No N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes No N/A

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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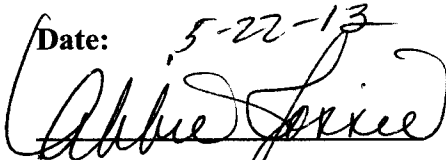
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