

Year 2009

Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-24, Little Patos Island

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 _____ (Go to Form 2) Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 13-24, Little Patos Island

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _ Navigational Chart 18421

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _ Spokane, Wenatchee, San Juan Islands Field Station

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):

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics¹:

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
13-24, Little Patos Island	15 acres	Y	Y	Some, Y	Y

FORM 2

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: 13-24, Little Patos Island

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No Island

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3),(4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check "No" above, check "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary.]

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

Ownership: BLM ownership

Location: T38N, R2W, Section 16, N48 47' 5.3", W122 58' 8.9"

Topography: A beautiful, heavily vegetated 15-acre Domed island alongside the much larger Patos Island.

Vegetation Features: Heavily vegetated with excellent screening, diverse array of shrubs, salal, grasses, wildflowers, and common Pacific Northwest trees such as Shorepine, cedars, hemlock, Douglas fir and grand firs

Major human uses/ activities: Little Patos is located approximately 50' feet from Patos island through a small water channel. Sea kayaking, wildlife viewing, boating both non-motorized and motorized occur in the area. Camping occurs on Patos Island in the Washington State Parks campsites. Fishing and lighthouse viewing occur in the area as well.

Other items: **NOTE:** the prior, Sec 603 inventory of Little Patos Island (unit 13-24, published in the Oregon-Washington Final Intensive Inventory Report, 1980) concluded that this island possessed wilderness characteristics and should be designated a WSA. A specific land use plan for the Little Patos Island WSA was published in 1982. However, a 1982 FR Notice (Nov 1, 1982, p. 49477) indicated that Little Patos was also under the USCG Withdrawal for all of Patos Island and therefore was inappropriately included in the Section 603 inventory process. The island was dropped from further

consideration. Since the USCG withdrawals for both Patos and Little Patos Islands have since been relinquished, the current inventory findings are as follows:

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes X No N/A

Description: Little Patos Island appears natural and is in a natural condition

(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 X No N/A

Description: Outstanding opportunities for solitude can be found on the island. Little Patos Island contains a variety of vegetation ranging from Salal, Ocean Spray, Shore pines, Cedars and Douglas fir. The tight vegetation provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. The topography of the island also provides excellent and 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 X No N/A

Description: yes, Little Patos Island does have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. Outstanding wildlife viewing opportunities exist for Orca Whales and other marine mammals. Outstanding Sea kayaking and boating activities occur on and near Little Patos Island. Outstanding camping opportunities occur on nearby Patos island and outstanding opportunities for camping exist on Little Patos Island. Outstanding recreational day hiking, overland traversing exist as well. Outstanding photography opportunities also exist.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No N/A

Description: Supplemental values for Little Patos Island include a dynamic marine ecological system. The geology of Little Patos Island are part of a unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for Little Patos Island are scientific, cultural, historic and scenic. There are indentified WADFW Bald Eagle nesting sites on Little Patos. Bald Eagles can be viewed from both shore and water. Marine mammals frequently haul out on the westerly shore of Little Patos Island and there is an identified WADFW Marine

mammal haul out site #469 located nearby on Patos Island. Marbled murrelets and Harlequin Ducks frequent the shorelines of Little Patos Island. Marbled Murrelets, Harlequin ducks and Oyster Catchers frequent the shoreline of Little Patos.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: 13-24, Little Patos Island

Summary

Results of Analysis:

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| 1. Does the area meet any of 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? | X Yes | No | NA |
| 4. Does the area have supplemental values? | X Yes | No | NA |

Conclusion

Check One:

X The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character.

The area does not have wilderness character.

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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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IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

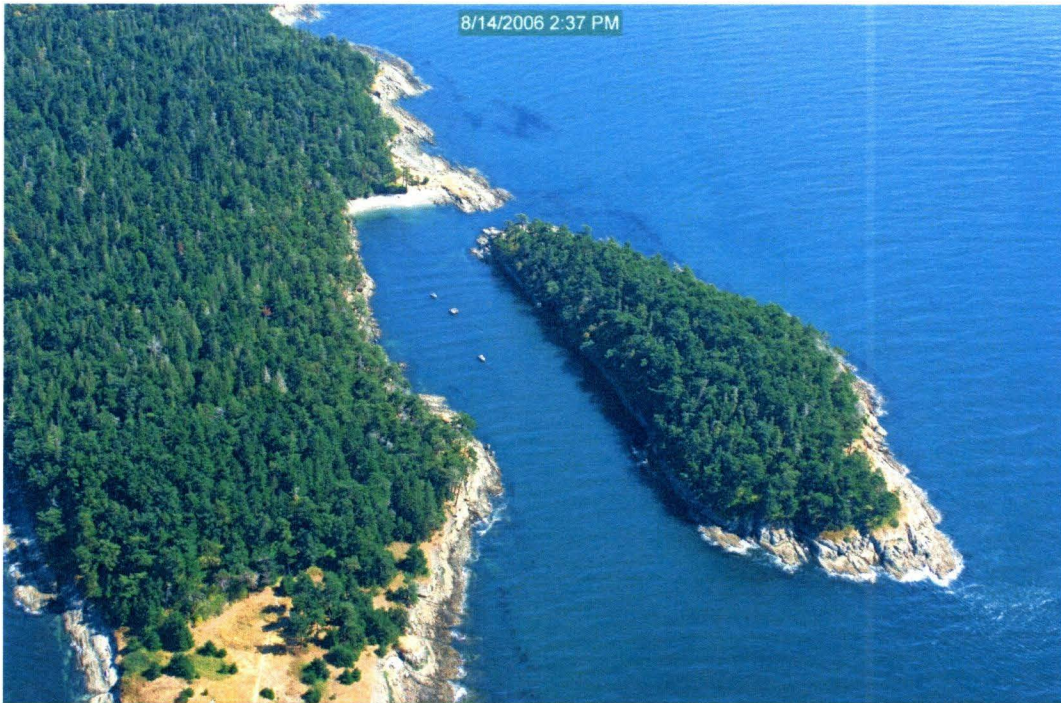
**APPENDIX D - PHOTO LOG
(modify form as needed)**

Photographer(s): _ WA Department of Ecology, Bob Wick

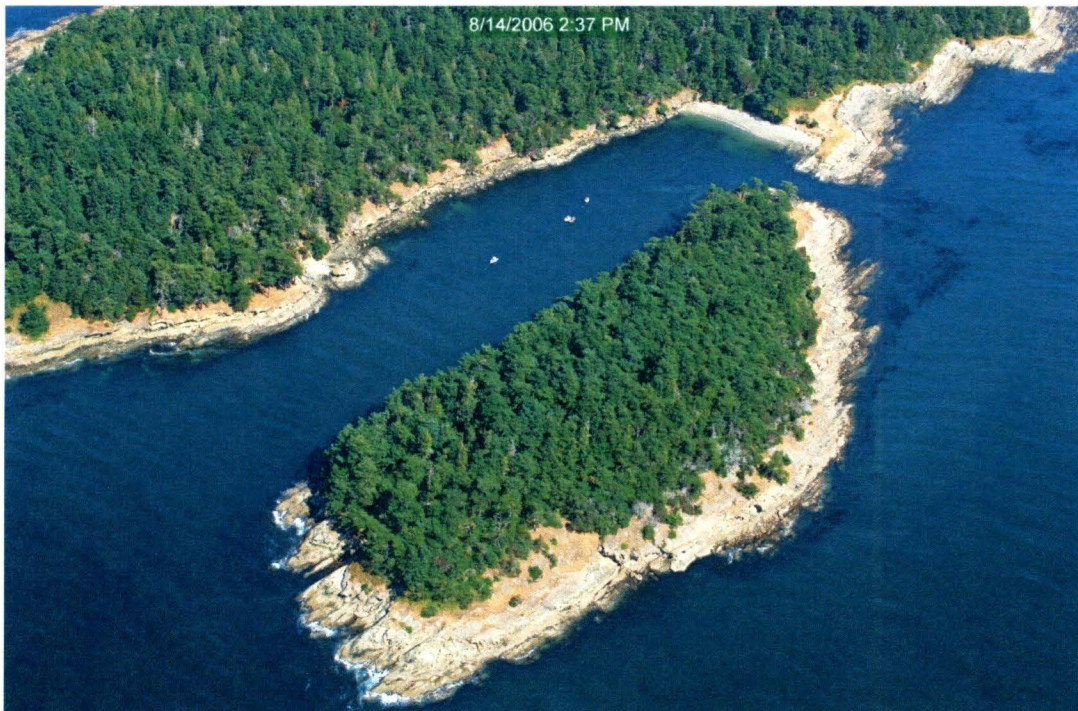
Inventory Area Name & No.: 13-24, Little Patos Island

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10.22.2009	2017	SW	Little Patos Island, from the Patos Island shoreline	N48 47' 7.52", W122 57' 52.84"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
10.22.2009	2014	WNW	Little Patos Island, from the Patos Island shoreline	N48 47' 2.85", W122 57' 48.85"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16
10.22.2009	2202	S	Little Patos Island, Western Point	N48 47' 11.67", W122 57' 13.03"	T38N	R2W	Sec.16

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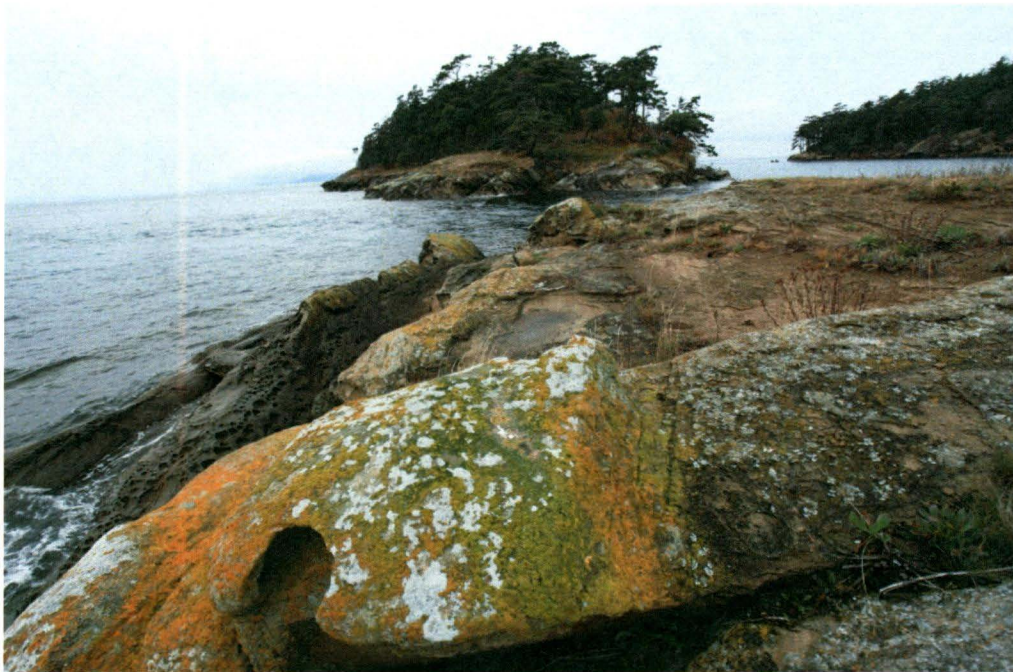
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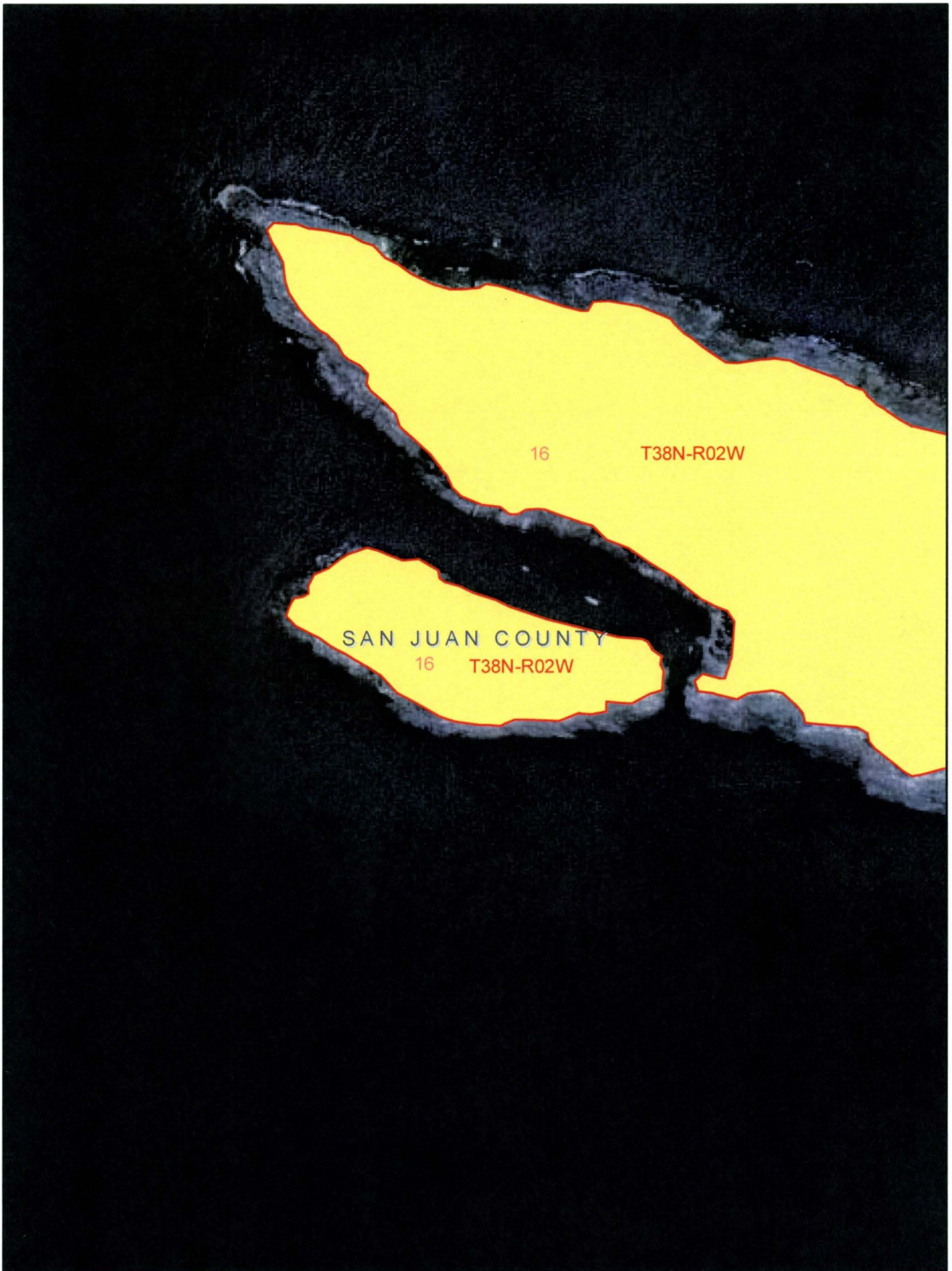
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