

Palmer Mountain

OR 134-05

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Results

Road Inventory Points

 Photo Location

Boundary Features

 Road

Unit Evaluation

 No - Wilderness Characteristics

Surface Jurisdiction

 WA Dept. of Natural Resources

 U.S. Bureau of Land Management

 WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

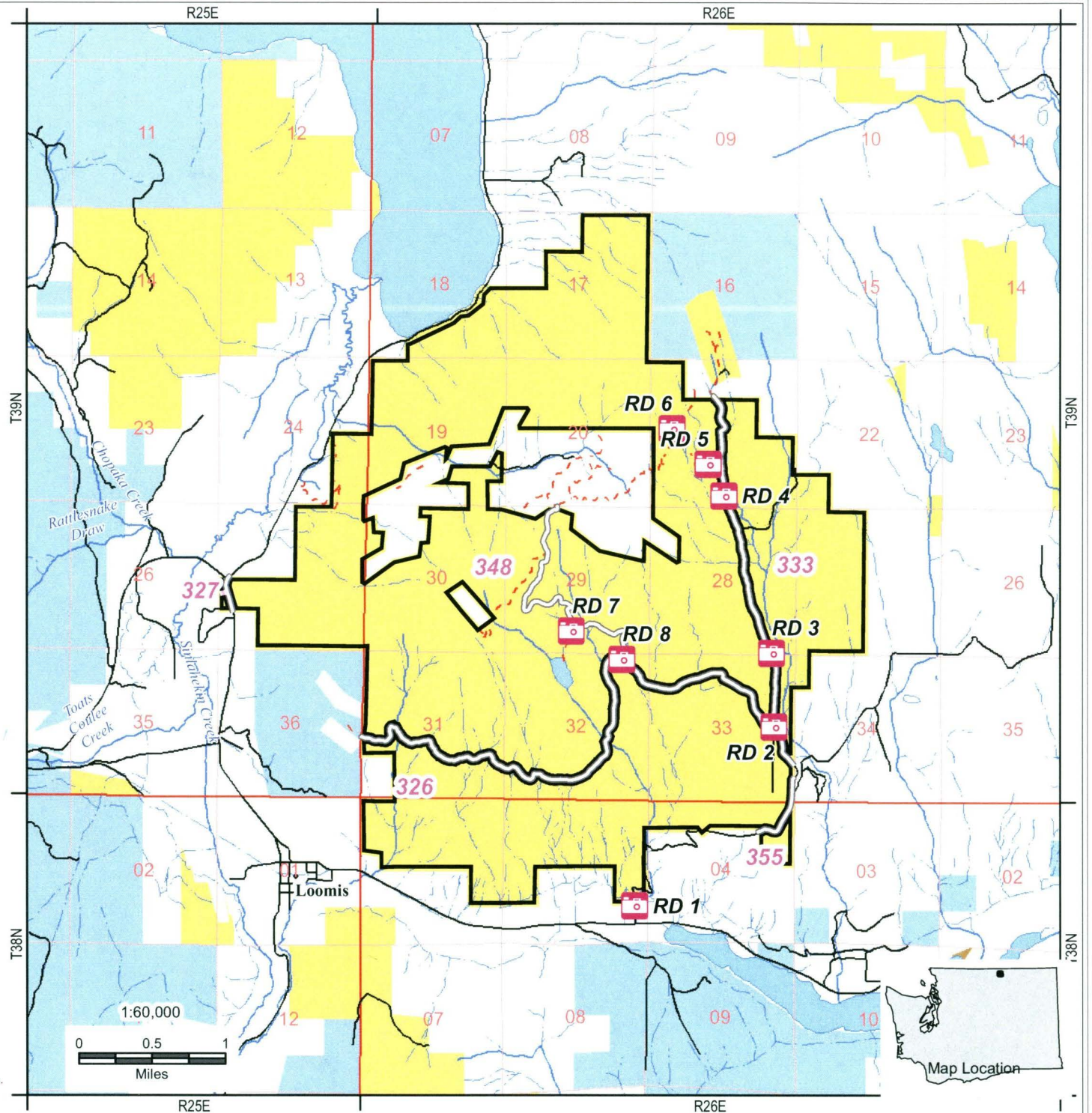
Unique ID	Evaluation	Acres
326	N	1710
327	N	12
333	N	849
348	N	4697
355	N	50
Total		7318

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

Photographer(s): Steve Smith, Diane Priebe

Inventory Area Name & No.: Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
4/20/2010	72	343	Palmer 1	48°49'15"N 119°35'01"W	39N	26E	05
4/20/2010	73	364	Palmer 2	48°50'8"N 119°33'50"W	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	74	306	scenery	“ “ “	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	75	346	Palmer 3 (behind gate)	48°50'47"N 119°33'60"W	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	76	22	Sign (gate)	48°52'24"N 119°34'21"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	77	350	BLM pipe gate	48°52'28"N 119°34'22"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	78	332	Palmer 4	48°52'08"N 119°34'27"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	79	304	Palmer 5	48°52'11"N 119°34'23"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	80	336	Palmer 6	48°52'22"N 119°34'34"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	81		scenery				
4/20/2010	82	82	Palmer 7	48°50'49"N 119°35'43"W	39N	26E	29
4/20/2010	83	290	Palmer 8	48°50'32"N 119°35'14"W	39N	26E	32

Year 2011 Inventory Unit Number/Name: Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

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

a) Inventory Source: _____

b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): _____

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _____

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: _____

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

FORM 2

Use additional pages as necessary

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY
CONDITIONS

a. Unit Number/Name: Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes X No

The lands total approximately 7318 acres of public lands managed by the Wenatchee Field Office of the Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. There is one area of private lands and mining claims (portions of S19,20,29,30) within the boundary of the unit, but these lands are not under consideration by this effort. The unit is located in northern Okanogan County, just off of the Loomis-Oroville road.

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

Most of the 7318 acres of BLM ownership was acquired in the mid 1990's, from a private sheep ranch. Currently, public access to the unit is along the main Palmer Mountain road (Palmer 1), to the primitive recreation site above the lake, and on the north road (Palmer 2), for .5 miles to the turnaround.

The boundary of the unit is described as being private lands around almost all sides. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages two parcels of land (S16&36) at the west and north edges of the unit. Access to these areas is restricted.

The area consists of high rolling hills and expansive vistas. Thickets of aspen snake through deeper draws and along the edges of small Washburn Lake. The lake is also surrounded by cattails and other wetland vegetation, and is stocked with tiger trout by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The top of the mountain is thickly forested with Douglas-fir that has had some timber thinning in the past. Old roads and skid roads can be found in this area, as well as remnants of old miners cabins in T. 39 N., R 26 E., Section 21. Grassy hillsides and meadows are characteristic of south facing slopes, intermixed with rocky outcrops. Some distant views of the Loomis-Oroville road and adjacent homes are possible from higher up the mountain.

The BLM maintains a primitive recreation site (kiosk, parking area and 3 parking spurs with fire rings) on a flat above Washburn Lake. There are also a number of other traditional primitive camping locations along the main Palmer Mountain (Palmer 1) road, mainly used during hunting season. The main uses of the area include camping, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, hiking and cattle ranching. BLM Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) visitor use numbers place the number of annual visitors to the area at 6000 people (2010 RMIS figures).

Roads 2 and 3 extend to the private land boundary at the north edge of Palmer Mountain (east side). These roads form the eastern boundary of the unit, cutting off approximately 849 acres from the original 7318 acres. Road 1 forms a boundary on the south side of the unit, cutting off 50 acres in a small section. The Black Bear Road (Palmer 8) and the Palmer main road (Rd 1) together form the southern boundary to the unit, cutting off an additional 1710 acres. The Loomis-Oroville paved highway forms the boundary on the west side of the unit, cutting off another 12 acres of BLM land. This results in a final unit size of approximately 4697 acres, which will cause the unit not to meet size criteria. The 4697 acres remaining in the unit are cut by roads, and a sizeable area of private land in the center. Several active mining claims are located on this private land, contributing to some of the traffic on the unit's roads.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes No N/A

Description: Yes, the unit is in a natural condition. BLM maintains the access road (Palmer 1) to the primitive recreation site above the lake and for .5 miles to the north road (Palmer 2) turnaround for public use. Public use is restricted to the rest of the unit. Periodic range fences cut across the unit, and a few range improvements (water troughs, small spring developments) are visible off of these roads. Locked metal gates block public access from other routes, though private landowners/miners have keys to the gate north of the lake, to access the private land above the lake along Palmer 7 road. BLM has fenced off a dispersed camping area above the lake, with a cattleguard, small camping loop with 3 parking spurs, 3 fire rings and a bulletin board. An entrance sign and bulletin board are located at the unit entrance off of the Loomis/Oroville road. Signs of past logging and mining activity can be observed at the far northern edge of the unit (S21), as old slash piles and stumps on BLM, and mining settling pond and berms on the private land at the north end of S21. These improvements and/or signs of past use of the area occur mainly along the maintained roads (Palmer 1,2,7) in the unit. The rest of the unit is in a natural state and improvements are substantially unnoticeable.

(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:

Visitation to this area is infrequent, and primarily limited to the public access roads (Palmer 1 and 2) and primitive recreation site above the lake. Few people are ever seen behind the locked metal gates, outside of hunting season, when some hunters hike in behind the locked gates.

The vegetation, draws and mountainous slopes offer screening for a feeling of solitude. While use levels are expected to increase over time in this unit, this will primarily be along the main public access roads. Visitors outside of this area will continue to experience 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, there are many opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation off of the main access roads (Palmer 1 & 2), and behind the locked vehicle gates. Many opportunities exist for camping, hunting, wildlife and plant viewing, horseback riding, photography, fishing and many more.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: The unit does have supplemental values. A State Sensitive plant, *Carex sychnocephala*, is present in the area, and cultural values of lithic scatters, rock cairns, pictographs, livestock and mining structures also exist in the area.

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Unit Name and Number: Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Summary

Results of Analysis:

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

Conclusion

Check One:

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

The area does not have wilderness character.

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Date

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 2 (north road to locked gate)
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: Public access, range management, fire, administrative BLM use

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Yes No

Examples:

Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside

Berms

Cut/Fill Other

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No

By Hand Tools By Machine

Examples:

Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage

Barriers Other

Describe: Drainage dip

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes No

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

Explain: well graded and graveled

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Recent vehicle tracks observed _____

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 _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe Date: 4/20/2010

* **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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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain(OR134-05)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 3 (continuation of Palmer 2, but behind locked gate)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable): 75, 76, 77

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: BLM Administrative, range, access to private land (rangeland), fire

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown X

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No _____

Examples:

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

Describe: _____ some gravel in past, road has not been maintained as regularly as Palmer
2. _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No _____

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine

Examples:

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

Describe: _____ Drain dip, metal road gate & associated signing. No recent
improvements. _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes No _____

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

Explain: _____ maintenance done in past (clearing drain dips, clearing downed trees to allow
vehicle access, gate and sign maintenance, gravel in the
past _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would
mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the
purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No _____

Comments: Road would be kept maintained

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). _____
 BLM administrative, maintenance and fire, range leasee, use this road several times
 each year.

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

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe Date:
 4/20/2010

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain
(OR134-05)__

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 4 (Dead end skid road)
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable): 78

II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: BLM administrative, fire & range (monitoring), range lease
fire

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Yes No

Examples:

Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill Other

Describe: possibly graveled a long time ago

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No

By Hand Tools By Machine

Examples:

Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage
Barriers Other

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes No

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

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). _____

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:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe _____ Date:

4/20/2010 _____

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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain
(OR134-05)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 5

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):

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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: BLM administrative (range management & monitoring, fire), access to mining (off of Palmer 6 at north end of S21)

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes No Unknown X

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

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

Describe: _____graveled a long time ago

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

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

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes _____ No

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

Explain: _____none noticed

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No

sources; access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

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Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 6
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: _____ BLM administrative, range, fire, range lease

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

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IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

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Yes No _____

Examples:

Paved _____ Bladed Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____

Cut/Fill Other _____

Describe: _____

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes _____ No

By Hand Tools _____ By Machine _____

Examples:

Culverts _____ Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage _____

Barriers _____ Other _____

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes _____ No

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

Explain: _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes _____ No

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes _____ No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). _____

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 _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe Date: _____
4/20/2010

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Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 7 (gated road above lake; accesses private mining claims)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: BLM administrative, range, fire, accesses private land and mining claims

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

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IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes No

Examples:

Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms
Cut/Fill Other

Describe: graveled in the past

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes No

By Hand Tools By Machine

Examples:

Culverts Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage
Barriers Other

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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

Yes No

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

Explain: BLM mows to allow passage of vehicles and to reduce fire danger

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes No

Comments: _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Vehicle tracks observed, access to private lands occurs all year _____

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

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): S. Smith, D. Priebe Date: 4/20/2010

* **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.

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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APPENDIX C – ROAD* ANALYSIS

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

Wilderness Inventory Area Name and Number (UNIT_ID): Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Route Name and/or Identifier: Palmer 8 (road to Black Bear/War Eagle mining claims)

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, include route number supplied by citizen information when available)

I. LOCATION: refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable):
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II. CURRENT PURPOSE OF ROUTE:

Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment).

Describe¹: BLM administrative, range, fire, range lease, route accesses mining claims on private land. No public access, as access to this area is through locked BLM gate. BLM, range lease and mining claimant all have key to lock. BLM range travels portion of road 2-3 times/year to check on range improvements. Range lease travels route at least 2-3 times/year. Mining claimant travels road several times each year.

III. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

¹ Include estimate of travel for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Is a road right-of-way associated with this route? Yes ___ No X Unknown ___

IV. CONSTRUCTION (Is there evidence that the route was originally constructed using mechanical means?)

Yes X No ___

Examples:

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

Describe: evidence of long ago graveling

V. IMPROVEMENTS (Is there evidence of improvements to facilitate access?)

Yes ___ No X

By Hand Tools ___ By Machine ___

Examples:

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

Describe: _____

VI. MAINTENANCE (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure continued use?):

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: Mowed as needed to allow vehicle access (only mowed first 1.5 miles-not entire route) _____

B. If the route is in passable condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?

Yes X No ___

Comments: Range uses part of this route to access range improvements in S31 _____

VII. REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS USE:

Yes No _____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicle tracks observed, or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route, such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). BLM Range travels road 2-3 times/year to check range improvements, but only travels first 1.5 miles of road. Mining claimant travels road to DNR boundary several times each year.

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 _____

Explanation:

Evaluator(s): D. Priebe Date: _____
10/5/2011

* **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.

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

Photographer(s): Steve Smith, Diane Priebe

Inventory Area Name & No.: Palmer Mountain (OR134-05)

Date	Frame #	Camera Direction	Description	GPS/UTM Location	Township	Range	Sec.
4/20/2010	72	343	Palmer 1	48°49'15"N 119°35'01"W	39N	26E	05
4/20/2010	73	364	Palmer 2	48°50'8"N 119°33'50"W	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	74	306	scenery	“ “ “	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	75	346	Palmer 3 (behind gate)	48°50'47"N 119°33'60"W	39N	26E	33
4/20/2010	76	22	Sign (gate)	48°52'24"N 119°34'21"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	77	350	BLM pipe gate	48°52'28"N 119°34'22"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	78	332	Palmer 4	48°52'08"N 119°34'27"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	79	304	Palmer 5	48°52'11"N 119°34'23"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	80	336	Palmer 6	48°52'22"N 119°34'34"W	39N	26E	21
4/20/2010	81		scenery				
4/20/2010	82	82	Palmer 7	48°50'49"N 119°35'43"W	39N	26E	29
4/20/2010	83	290	Palmer 8	48°50'32"N 119°35'14"W	39N	26E	32

Frame 72: Palmer RDI



Frame 73 : Palmer RD 2



Frame 74: Palmer Scenery



Frame 75: Palmer & RD 3



Frame 76: Palmer Sign



Frame 77: Palmer pipe gate



Frame 78: Palmer RD 4



Frame 79: Palmer RD 5



Frame 80: Palmer RD 6



Frame 81: Palmer Scenery



Frame 82: Palmer PD 7



Frame 83: Palmer RD 8

