

ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN (OR11-29)

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

- 1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.
- 2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.

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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:** WOPR 2006

b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** OR11_29

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** Round_Top_Mountain_WCI_20130124.pdf

d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Medford District/Grants Pass F.O.

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: WOPR analysis 2006

Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
OR11 29	N	N	N	Y	

ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN (OR11-29)**FORM 2****Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier **OR11 29 (ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN)** Acreage **5,295**

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

Field inspections, review of the area using Google Earth, and review of BLM road and timber records brought changes to the original inventory unit boundary. Boundary adjustments better reflect the landscape and manageability of the unit. The size of the unit is increased from the 2006 inventory.

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.): Unit is approximately 5,295 acres.

Description:

Clockwise: Northern Boundary delineated by northern section lines 31, 33 and approx. western 1/4 of 34, T37S- R6W. Section 32 is excluded except for extreme SW corner (south of the road) of this northern boundary. An intrusion to top of round top can be found within the SE quarter of section 31, buffering the road to the recently removed Manzanita Lookout tower. NE boundary follows minor ridgelines in a southwesterly direction to privately owned southern boundary in section 34. Eastern boundary begins at NE corner of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 section 34, T37S R6W to major ridgeline at approximate SE corner of NE quarter Sec 3 T38S, R6W. SE boundary gains altitude up ridgeline to SW corner of Section 3, continuing south along NE half of E boundary of Section 9 T38S R6W. SE boundary extends past SW corner of Sec 9 into section 17 north of roads on BLM lands nearing NE corner of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 17 T38S, R6W. Boundary travels north approaching BLM road #38-6-8. A northern road inclusion exists nearing the intersection to 38-6-18.1. SW boundary is delineated by BLM road 38-6-18.1 through sections 6 and 7 and into a small SE segment of sec 1, T38S R7W. Western boundary is delineated on the north, east and southern sides of excluded private parcel NW 1/4 Sec 6 T38S-R6W. Boundary is completed by travel north from SW 1/4 Sec 31 to ridgeline at SW corner of NW 1/4, Section 31 T37S-R6W. A portion of NW corner of this section is omitted due to the presence of roads before rejoining the northern boundary of the same section 31.

This boundary differs from past inventories by additions in T37S R6W Sec 34 south west of major ridgeline, addition in T38S R6 W Sec 3 and 4, completing a void in the old boundary to the north of the unit. These areas of addition are roadless, contiguous BLM lands containing the general wilderness characteristics needed for the unit. Omissions or deletions were made to areas facing nearby industrialized or inhabited areas that diminish the sense of solitude. These

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omissions occur in: T37S R6W section 35; SE 1/4, T38S R6W Sec 3 east of ridgeline; an “arm” extending into SE 1/4 T37S R6W Sec 28. The goal was to make boundaries more manageable and include lands with representative characteristics.

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):

Unit appears to be in a natural condition, with human imprints found to be substantially unnoticeable. The area is one of the higher elevations within the surrounding Grants Pass area. Topography is mountainous with many draw and ridgeline features radiating from Iron and Round Top Mountains. Sweeping views can be found from the tops of many of the rocky and harsh ridgelines and mountain tops. Although this area is relatively close to populated areas such as Grants Pass to the north, Murphy to the east and Selma to the west, it remains roadless with exception to the inclusions drawn to the top of Round Top, for example. This roadless feature lends to the unaltered nature of the area, where you will find large rocky outcroppings, brushy fields, fully mature stands of timber or riparian streams and canopies. Any roads or harvested units appear to blend in with surrounding units, which does not detract from the overall feel of the location. The rock features found seem to be characteristic of features nearby which contain numerous unique limestone caves. These cave systems are thought to be similar to Oregon Caves National Parks features.

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):

Many of the draws found within the unit have a confined view shed due to the steep topography found there. Many of the wooded acres consist of mature stands of trees limiting the view. Places where neither trees nor topographical confinement can be found, aspect and view shed may reveal limited distant activity or civilization. Sights and sounds that might be encountered are neither pervasive nor omnipresent.

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

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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):

Area contains no maintained trails, campsites, access roads or developed recreation areas. Any recreation sought would be the most primitive in nature traversing generally rough, unmanaged lands. One would be truly removed from developed recreation opportunities by space and land conditions.

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

Yes

No

N/A

Description: HISTORIC CCC TRAIL; CROOKS CREEK ACEC

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Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: OR11-29 (ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN)

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

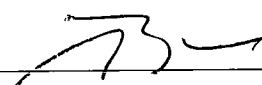
Check one:

- 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.

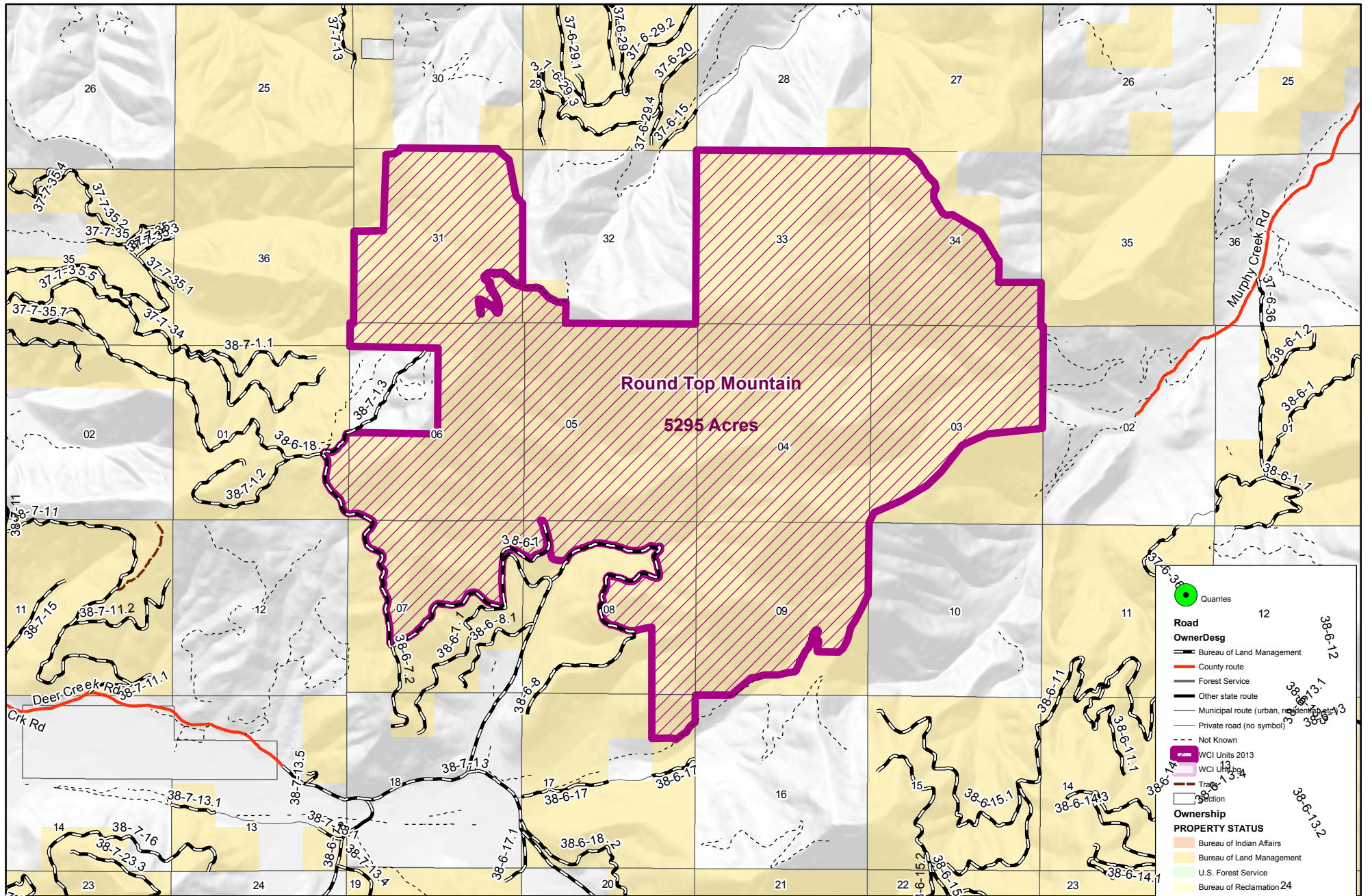
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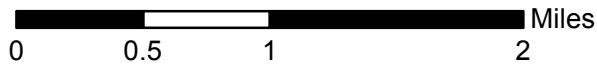
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* This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.



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Legend

- Quarries
- Road Owner/Design**
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - County route
 - Forest Service
 - Other state route
 - Municipal route (urban, residential)
 - Private road (no symbol)
 - Not Known
- WCI Units 2013**
 - WCI Unit
 - Trace
 - Section
- Ownership PROPERTY STATUS**
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - Bureau of Reclamation 24
 - Corps of Engineers
 - National Park Service
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Local Government
 - State
 - Private Individual or Company
 - Undetermined



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