



Blue Mountains Draft Wilderness Evaluation Report

Malheur, Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests

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Evaluation ID: 1001

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	5994
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5994

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The entire evaluation area is within the active Pine Creek grazing allotment. There are several range related water developments and range improvements. Range allotment boundary fences exist within the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Pine Creek grazing allotment. There are several range related water developments and range improvements. Range allotment boundary fences exist within the evaluation area. Many fire suppression and post-fire rehabilitation activities/interventions (dozer lines, fuel breaks, etc.) were implemented within the evaluation area due to the 2024 Telephone Fire. Due to the small size of the evaluation area and the concentration of human interventions, ecological changes are noticeable.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area is within the 2024 Telephone Fire burned area. Portions of the evaluation area are within high fire intensity areas where the vegetation is not expected to recover to a natural pre-burn condition and portions burned at low intensity and are expected to recover naturally.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area contains existing closed, decommissioned and Maintenance Level 2 roads, as well as areas where cross-country motorized use is currently allowed and known to occur. Impacts of motorized recreation on solitude are pervasive regardless of screening because visitors drive on roads and cross-country in the evaluation area.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Craft Cabin Trail, a non-motorized trail bisects the evaluation area. The trailhead consists of a kiosk and an improved parking/turnaround. Visitor use logs show the trail as being lightly used and encounters with other people at the trailhead and along the trail are few with hunting season (September through November) being an exception. The trail follows the bottom of a canyon, so topography likely provides screening. The southeastern portion of the evaluation area is largely free from closed or decommissioned roads and topography makes cross country motorized travel difficult. This portion of the evaluation area may provide opportunities for solitude but there is heavy concentrated use during hunting season.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** There is a non-motorized trail, however use is light. The evaluation area is popular for hunting, including on horseback.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several precontact lithic scatters and a culturally modified tree. Many of the sites are either eligible or potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements, so the exact distribution and locations are not disclosed. None of these documented cultural or historic sites are rare, unique, or exemplary.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable

- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to motorized cross-country travel. This type of use is known to occur, and management is difficult due to the gentle terrain in most of the evaluation area. Unauthorized, and difficult to manage use is known to occur on numerous closed or decommissioned roads within the evaluation area. The entire evaluation area is within the active Pine Creek grazing allotment. The evaluation area would be difficult to impossible to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to the motorized use known to occur in the evaluation area and the difficulty in managing such use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The majority of the evaluation area overlaps with the Pine Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are private lands contiguous to the evaluation area near the NW, NE, SW and SE corners. The eastern and southern boundaries of the evaluation area are contiguous to Bureau of Land Management lands that have been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC).
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are private lands that are contiguous to the evaluation area; access to those lands through Forest Service managed lands is unknown. No documented legal rights of way or easements exist.

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 1002

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	9715
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 9715

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** The southern portion contains past timber harvest units creating abrupt unnatural edges, stumps, and skid trails. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment where associated range improvements exist.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment where associated range improvements exist. Fire suppression activities and post fire rehabilitation activities are ongoing due to the 2024 Whiskey Mountain/Falls Fires. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The northeastern corner of the evaluation area contains many Maintenance Level 1 roads. The evaluation area is surrounded by existing open and closed roads that stop at the evaluation area's boundaries. A previous land exchange now prevents motorized access to the northern portion of the evaluation area where previous unauthorized cross-country motorized use was known to occur. This same use is known to occur in the west half of the evaluation area with heavier use during hunting season (September-November).
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Topography would make cross-country motorized travel difficult in the southern portion of the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for hunting, including on horseback from September-November because of the lack of a road system.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several precontact lithic scatters and historic archaeology sites. Sites that have been evaluated have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and have not been listed. None of the documented sites are rare, unique, or exemplary due to the common occurrence of such sites across the forest. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The entire evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. The Malheur National Forest is open to motorized cross-country travel. Cross country motorized use is known to occur in the west half of the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The majority of the evaluation area overlaps with the Utley Butte Inventoried Roadless Area. The evaluation area is within an Area of Known Wolf Activity (AWKA). Any future project proposals must be consulted with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?**
There are private lands contiguous to the evaluation area along the northern and eastern boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area has high recreational value for hunters because of the lack of roads. Currently there are no outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area but due to recent wildfires, the expectation of such requests is high.

Evaluation ID: 1003

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	7072
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 7072

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The southern portion contains noticeable timber harvest units that create abrupt unnatural edges, stumps, skid trails, and private inholdings that reduce apparent naturalness. The southeast corner of the evaluation area is within the Cliff Knox treatment area where planned treatments include juniper removal funded by mule deer initiative funds. This project is in late planning stages and implementation is expected to occur in 2025.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, improvements in the modified evaluation area may be substantially unnoticeable. Associated grazing/range improvements within the evaluation area are few and are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** About half of the evaluation area is within the active Bluebucket and Central Malheur grazing allotments. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The northern portion of the evaluation area appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the

imprints of man's work substantially unnoticeable. The southern portion contains noticeable timber harvest units that create abrupt unnatural edges, stumps, skid trails, and private inholdings that reduce apparent naturalness.

- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the plant and animal communities in the modified evaluation area may not appear substantially unnatural.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur River Trail is a non-motorized trail that is popular in summer months by hikers and is used year-round by horse users and permittees. The likelihood of seeing or hearing others is high along the trail especially during peak use seasons.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Wild and Scenic Malheur River and canyon runs through the center of the evaluation area from the northwest down to the southeast. The canyon's steep walls provide opportunities for a visitor to get away from the sights and sounds of others outside of high use seasons and the opportunities for solitude are plentiful away from the developed trail. Topography in the evaluation area would make cross-country motorized travel difficult.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The Malheur River canyon runs from the northwest corner of the evaluation area to the southwest corner. There is a developed non-motorized trail that follows the river. Fly fishing in the Malheur River for bull trout is a popular primitive type of recreation known to occur. Use on the trail is higher in summer months.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several precontact lithic scatters, a culturally modified tree (unevaluated), and a logging mill (eligible). Sites that have been evaluated have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Some sites have not yet been evaluated but are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. None were identified as rare, unique or exemplary. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements and their exact locations are not disclosed. Bull trout, a species listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, are known to exist in the Wild and Scenic Malheur River.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable

- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to motorized cross-country travel. The extent of motorized cross-country use in the evaluation area is unknown. The evaluation area overlaps with portions of active grazing allotments.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The designated Malheur Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor runs from the northwest corner of the evaluation area to the southwest corner. The Malheur Wild and Scenic River was designated in 1988 through the Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Law 100-557). Most of the evaluation area overlaps with the Malheur River Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur Wild and Scenic River extends beyond the evaluation area's boundaries to the north. The Inventoried Roadless Area boundary extends beyond the boundaries of the evaluation area on the northwestern, southwestern, and southeastern corners. There are neighboring privately owned lands along the southern boundary, along with Bureau of Land Management lands and the Bureau of Land Management Bluebucket Wilderness Study Area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is split between ranger districts. If the portion of the evaluation area planned for juniper removal and other harvest activities was removed, the evaluation area would fall below 5000 acres and would not be practicable to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics. The private lands to the south are planned to be fenced by the landowners.

Evaluation ID: 1004

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	8608
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 8608

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment where associated range improvements such as constructed water developments and fences exist.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The entire evaluation area is within the Murderer's Creek Wild Horse and Burro Territory where there is an emergency gather being planned due to the lack of vegetation from recent wildfire. Obvious ecological changes from wild horse management are possible; the extent is unknown. Most of the evaluation area overlaps with the Shaketable Inventoried Roadless Area and the entire evaluation area is within the burned area from the 2024 Rail Ridge Fire. Fire suppression actions including fuel breaks, dozer lines, etc. and stabilization and rehabilitation efforts are ongoing. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area has seen a regular and frequent interval of wildfire, so the plant communities have not had the chance to recover.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area contains closed roads that continue to experience unauthorized use. Malheur National Forest is open to Cross-country motorized travel and this use is known to occur throughout the evaluation area. There are a number of outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area. There are a number of user-created unauthorized routes that are heavily used and difficult to manage. There are 2 constructed guzzlers within the evaluation area that are maintained for wildlife. This is a heavily used area during hunting season (September-November) and is a popular area for outfitters/guides.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides opportunities for hiking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There are several precontact lithic scatter sites and a couple of historic archaeological sites including an irrigation ditch and a rock feature in the evaluation area. None have been evaluated; all are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. None have been identified as rare, unique or exemplary. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements, so the exact distribution and locations are not disclosed. Murderer's Creek is identified critical habitat for steelhead. There are two guzzlers within the evaluation area that are maintained for wildlife.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel. Evaluation area is within the active Murderer's Creek grazing allotment. There are numerous outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area.

- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The 385-acre Shaketable Research Natural Area is within the evaluation area. The evaluation area overlaps with the Shaketable Inventoried Roadless Area. The entire evaluation area is within the Murderer's Creek Wild Horse and Burro Territory.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The western boundary of the evaluation area is contiguous to Bureau of Land Management lands that have been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC) and state lands within the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area. There are neighboring private lands along the northwest corner and the southern border.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to traffic entering Forest Service lands from the popular Phillip W. Schnieder Wildlife Area. There is a seasonal closure within the state wildlife area however cross-country travel is known to occur on Forest Service lands and is difficult to manage. Closed roads surrounding the evaluation area experience unauthorized use and is difficult to manage.

Evaluation ID: 1005

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	639
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	No
Other Features of Value	Unknown
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 639

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Managing the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is not practicable due to the previous use and activities in the evaluation area before acquisition.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Past timber harvests and associated roads are prevalent throughout the evaluation area. Water developments and other range improvements exist within evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Past timber harvests within the evaluation area created stumps that are obvious. The evaluation area is within a larger active grazing allotment and associated range improvements such as water developments are present.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area is a parcel that was acquired through a land exchange. Stumps from past timber harvests are prevalent throughout the evaluation area.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area contains closed roads that continue to experience unauthorized use. Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use and is known to occur throughout the evaluation area. There are several outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area. There are several user-created unauthorized routes that are heavily used and difficult to manage. There are 2 constructed guzzlers within the evaluation area that are maintained for wildlife.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? No

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** There is high motorized recreation within the evaluation area.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Unknown

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area has not been surveyed for cultural resources because it was recently acquired from private ownership.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Motorized access into the existing designated wilderness.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to existing designated wilderness (Strawberry Mountain Wilderness) on the south and west boundaries and private lands along the northern boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area was acquired through a land exchange. Access through this parcel to private lands is unknown. The evaluation area has been identified as a very difficult area to manage due to the motorized access into the existing designated wilderness.

Evaluation ID: 1006

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	11743
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 11743

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment where associated range improvements such as constructed water developments and fences exist.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Entire evaluation area is within the Murderer's Creek Wild Horse and Burro Territory where there is an emergency gather being planned due to the lack of vegetation from recent wildfire. Obvious ecological changes from wild horse management are possible; the extent is unknown. Most of the evaluation area overlaps with the Dry Cabin Inventoried Roadless Area and the entire evaluation area is within the burned area from the 2024 Rail Ridge Fire. Fire suppression actions including fuel breaks, dozer lines, etc. and stabilization and rehabilitation efforts are ongoing. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. There are documented invasions of non-native vegetation species in the creek corridors.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area has burned many times, and has seen regular and frequent intervals of wildfire, about every 8 years, so the plant communities have not been able to recover. Recognizing fire is a natural process, the decline of the natural plant communities in the evaluation area is noticeable.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area contains closed roads that continue to experience unauthorized use. Cross-country motorized travel occurs throughout the evaluation area. There are several outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area. There are several user-created unauthorized routes that are heavily used and difficult to manage. This is a heavily used area during hunting season (September-November) and is a popular area for outfitters/guides.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Hunting, including with outfitter/guides.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There is one historic and one precontact lithic scatter in the unit. Neither site has been evaluated for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements, so the exact distribution and locations are not disclosed.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use. The evaluation area is within the active Aldrich grazing allotment. There are numerous outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** About 70% of the evaluation

area overlaps with the Dry Cabin Inventoried Roadless Area. Nearly half of the evaluation area overlaps with the Murderer's Creek Wild Horse and Burro Territory.

- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?**
The majority of the evaluation area overlaps with the Dry Cabin Inventoried Roadless Area and the Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the boundary of the evaluation area. The Wild Horse and Burro Territory extends beyond the boundaries of the evaluation area. The western boundary is contiguous to the Bureau of Land Management Aldrich Mountain Wilderness Study Area, other Bureau of Land Management lands and private lands. The evaluation area is also contiguous to state lands within the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area on the western boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to traffic entering Forest Service lands from the popular Phillip W. Schnieder Wildlife Area. There is a seasonal closure within the state wildlife area however cross-country travel is known to occur on Forest Service lands and is difficult to manage. Closed roads surrounding the evaluation area experience unauthorized use and is difficult to manage.

Evaluation ID: 1007

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	19658
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 19658

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Areas previously rehabilitated and revegetated after fires have an unnatural "plantation" style appearance. Motorized single track trails exist within evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** The evaluation area is within a vacant grazing allotment.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The evaluation area contains a section with valid existing mineral rights; the extent of obvious ecological changes is unknown. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment where associated range improvements (water developments) exist. A portion of the evaluation area has undergone hazardous fuel reduction/fire related management activities. Fuel breaks and rehabilitated dozer lines from past fires are still visible.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area has experienced historical high intensity wildfire at regular intervals. The vegetation has changed from a dominant lodgepole and mahogany community to dead and downed and ceanothus plant

community. There are large plantation style patches throughout the evaluation area from previous fire rehabilitation efforts.

- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Developed motorized trails within the evaluation area limits opportunities for solitude. Cross-country motorized travel is difficult due to a heavy dead and downed vegetation but known to occur. Low vegetation and topography do not provide much screening from the sights and sounds of others.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Because of the heavy dead and downed vegetative component, cross country motorized travel is very low, opportunities for solitude may be found away from the trail.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is generally difficult to access which creates a draw for people seeking remote recreation.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for geocaching.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There are 2 historic archaeological sites (carved tree and rock feature and one trail) within the evaluation area. The sites are either eligible or potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Historic and cultural sites are protected by confidentiality requirements, so the exact distribution and locations are not disclosed.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There is a designated motorized trail that runs from the southwest corner to the northeast corner. Malheur National Forest is also open to cross-country motorized travel. The evaluation area is within a vacant grazing allotment, however current grazing authorization and use was unknown at the time of evaluation.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?**
There are motorized trails surrounding the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to the designated motorized trails within and surrounding the evaluation area.

Evaluation ID: 1008

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	22253
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 22253

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** One small, approximately 260-acre noticeable timber harvest unit along the western boundary creates abrupt unnatural edges, stumps, and skid trails that reduce apparent naturalness.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, improvements in the modified evaluation area may be substantially unnoticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment and associated water developments exist. Due to the steep and inaccessible terrain, materials to build these developments had to be flown in by helicopter. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** The far eastern edge of the evaluation area is within the Laycock Creek Firewise Project Area (Coal Pit Creek Area) where active logging and pre-commercial thinning treatments are occurring. Otherwise, the evaluation area appears natural.

- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the plant and animal communities in the modified evaluation area may not appear substantially unnatural.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however the topography in most of the evaluation area prevents it. There is a designated motorized trail within the evaluation area (Fields Peak Trail) and a non-motorized trail (McClellan Trail/Riley Peak Trail). There is known ATV use on Bills Peak in the west side of the evaluation area. The evaluation area is a permitted area for outfitter/guides and is within a hunt unit open to bighorn sheep. While the evaluation area is open to motorized cross-country travel, it is steep and mostly inaccessible except for on the Fields Peak Trail.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is steep and mostly inaccessible except by foot. The evaluation area is also within a hunt unit open to bighorn sheep.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several precontact lithic scatters. The archaeological sites are either eligible or have not been evaluated for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The evaluation area also contains whitebark pine, a threatened plant species. Management of whitebark pine is via non-motorized means. There is an old lookout tower on the very edge of the evaluation area and Fields Peak is a geologic feature of interest.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The entire evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment but has been determined mostly unsuitable for cattle grazing due to the extreme topography. The evaluation area is open to cross-country motorized travel; that type of use is very low due to the topography except in the far northern part of the evaluation area where trails leave the private onto Forest Service lands. There are some known unauthorized user created trails that leave neighboring private lands onto

forest lands and preventing access is difficult. There are valid outfitter/guide permits in the evaluation area and the Eastern Oregon Trail Alliance has expressed interest in working with the Forest Service to establish authorized trail use on Riley Peak/McClellan Trail.

- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** A portion of the evaluation area overlaps with the McClellan Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The northern portion of the evaluation area is bordered by private lands and Bureau of Land Management lands that have been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC).
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The historic cross-country motorized use in the evaluation area is difficult to keep out however terrain makes that use difficult. The trails that leave the private lands to the north near Cinnabar Mountain are hard to manage because of where they access Forest Service land through private land. If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the modified evaluation area may be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics. To preserve the evaluation area's wilderness characteristics, the portion of the evaluation area within the Laycock Creek Firewise project area and the portion of the evaluation area containing the Fields Peak motorized trail should be removed.

Evaluation ID: 1009

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	6378
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 6378

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within a vacant grazing allotment that is not actively being used. Few associated fences exist and those are not well maintained. These are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area is within an old burn scar from previous wildfire. Fuel breaks and other fire suppression activities are present and may be noticeable. Old logging relics may be visible.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Although cross-country travel is difficult due to the dense vegetation component and steep topography, there are some user-created routes that are well traveled.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Cross-country motorized travel is known to occur in the southwest corner however use is very light. The terrain in the rest of the evaluation area and lack of roads within the evaluation area makes cross-country travel difficult.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is remote and mostly accessed by foot or on horseback. Primitive types of recreation are known to occur in the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** There are some unauthorized motorized user-created routes within the evaluation area that are well traveled, and that use is increasing with the advancements in motorized vehicles.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Whitebark pine (threatened) is known to exist in the evaluation area. There is one culturally significant site, a pictograph that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel and this use is known to occur only in the southwestern corner. Thick lodgepole, dense vegetation and topography makes cross-country travel in the rest of the evaluation area difficult.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Nearly 75% of the evaluation area overlaps with the Baldy Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area may be managed to preserve wilderness characteristics though it may be difficult due to the concentration of motorized routes and cross-country motorized use surrounding the evaluation area.

Evaluation ID: 1010

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	9384
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 9384

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** One associated range improvement (water development) exists within the evaluation area that is not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment with only one constructed range feature.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment with only one constructed range feature. The evaluation area has seen very little fire and largely appears natural.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a designated ATV route, the Dixie Creek ATV Trail, that nearly splits the

evaluation area in half. Terrain forces people to stay on the trail and not venture cross-country. The trail experiences heavy use during hunting season. Cross-country motorized travel is very limited or non-existent due to terrain.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Those seeking solitude can find opportunities within the evaluation area away from the motorized trail.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular during hunting season due to lack of roads and topography.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several sites related to historic mining, logging, railroad or precontact lithic scatter. There is one Historic Property of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSIT) identified by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) within the evaluation area. Several sites have not been evaluated for National Register of Historic Places eligibility and the evaluated historic/cultural sites within the evaluation area were found not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Remaining sites have not been evaluated for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. There is a Research Natural Area that overlaps the evaluation area.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel. There are several placer mining claims in the southeast corner of the evaluation area. There is a designated motorized ATV trail, the Dixie Creek ATV trail that splits the evaluation area nearly in half.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** A portion of the evaluation area overlaps with Dixie Butte Inventoried Roadless Area. There is a 230-acre Research Natural Area within the southwest portion of the evaluation area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Research Natural Area in the southwestern portion of the evaluation area extends beyond

the boundary. The Research Natural Area is nearly split in half by the evaluation areas boundary line.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Access to the placer mining claims in the southeast corner may limit the manageability the evaluation area to preserve wilderness characteristics. If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the modified evaluation area may be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics. The evaluation area may be managed to preserve the wilderness characteristics if the portions providing access to, and the placer mining claims were removed.

Evaluation ID: 1012

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	428
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 428

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The evaluation area, if added to the contiguous existing designated wilderness would create a management boundary along a creek. It may practicably be managed to preserve the wilderness characteristics, however the existing wilderness boundary following a

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes. There are no associated range improvements. The evaluation area was burned in a 2015 wildfire, there were no associated suppression or fire rehabilitation interventions.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area itself is too small and too close to existing roads to provide opportunities for solitude, however the evaluation area is evaluated as an addition the existing designated wilderness. The existing wilderness boundary provides topographic screening from those roads as well as distance. There is an existing road that leads up to the evaluation area boundary; it is nearly 1/4 mile from the existing wilderness boundary.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. The allotment boundary follows the existing designated wilderness boundary and not the creek drainage/boundary for the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness and an existing Research Natural Area within the wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the Upper Bear Lake Project boundary which includes planned fuel treatments and harvest components. The project is expected to be implemented in 2025.

Evaluation ID: 1013

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	543
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 543

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes. There are no associated range improvements. There is a fenceline and cattleguard that follow the boundary of the evaluation area and then cut across the southern isthmus that is not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area itself is too small and too close to existing roads to provide opportunities for solitude on its own. When considered as an addition to the contiguous existing designated wilderness, it would offer the same opportunities for solitude that the wilderness offers.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use however there is no known cross country travel occurring within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common in the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the modified evaluation area may be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics. The southern isthmus would need to be removed to create a manageable boundary.

Evaluation ID: 1014

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	55
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 55

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is evaluated as an addition to the contiguous existing designated wilderness (Strawberry Mountain Wilderness).
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common in the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1015

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	216
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 216

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use

and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1016

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	665
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 665

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use

and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. The allotment boundary follows the existing designated wilderness boundary and not the creek drainage.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however the topography in the evaluation area makes this use difficult to impossible.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1017

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	26
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 26

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is a 26-acre sliver between the existing designated wilderness boundary (that follows a rim) and an open road. Topography and vegetation does not provide screening from the sights/sounds from the road, whereas the existing wilderness boundary does provide topographic screening from the road.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is a 26-acre sliver of land between an open road and the existing designated wilderness boundary. Cross-country motorized travel would be difficult to impossible to manage because terrain would not prohibit this type of use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest. The evaluation area is a 26-acre sliver of land between an open road and the existing designated wilderness boundary. Cross-country motorized travel would be difficult to impossible to manage because terrain does not prohibit this type of use.

Evaluation ID: 1018

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	74
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 74

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The accessibility of the evaluation area to off-road motorized travel from the existing open road makes preservation of its wilderness characteristics not practicable. The road is also designated as a groomed snowmobile trail in the winter.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is a 74-acre narrow sliver between an open road and the existing designated wilderness boundary. The far edge of the evaluation area is approximately 700 feet from the open road. The existing designated wilderness boundary follows a rim that

would provide topographic screening from the motorized use on the road. The evaluation area is too narrow and close to the road to provide any screening for solitude.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The open road that borders the evaluation area is also a designated groomed trail for snowmobile use in the winter months. The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1019

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	40
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 40

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use

and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. The allotment boundary follows the existing designated wilderness boundary and not the creek drainage.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1020

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	232
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 232

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use

and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness includes a portion of Lake Creek which is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1021

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	40
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 40

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized use

and there are some closed roads that lead up to the evaluation area boundary. Topography in the evaluation area mostly prohibits cross country motorized use within the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however due to the topography this type of use is not common.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 1022

Malheur National Forest

Summary

Size	668
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 668

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Management of the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics is practicable because it is contiguous to existing designated wilderness.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The evaluation area contains visible stumps from historical harvests. There is a grazing boundary let down fence in the southern portion that is maintained by the permittee.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Rail grazing allotment. However, grazing is not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area was burned in a wildfire in the 1990s and has since recovered and appears natural.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area experiences its highest use during hunting season. The evaluation area would provide the same opportunities for solitude that the contiguous Strawberry Mountain Wilderness provides.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area provides the same opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation as the contiguous existing designated wilderness.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Malheur National Forest is open to cross-country motorized travel however this use may be managed to preserve wilderness characteristics in the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment and fences are maintained by the permittee.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area shares its western boundary with the existing Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the boundaries of the Upper Bear Lake Project. Project components include fuel reduction treatments and harvest.

Evaluation ID: 2001

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	3700
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 3700

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Monument Rock Wilderness, connected only by a short 3/10-mile edge on the southwest corner. With the active mining claims within the evaluation area, it is not practicable to manage to preserve its wilderness character

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are spring developments scattered throughout the evaluation area associated with grazing that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area is within the active Bull Run allotment however the grazing practices do not reduce the apparent naturalness of the plant communities.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is steep and mostly inaccessible by motorized vehicles. There are old mining features visible on the landscape and 225 active claims within the evaluation area. There is a large gold exploration project just outside the evaluation on the northwest edge that has been authorized that may limit solitude.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is mostly used for hunting, the rest of the year is low use.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains several pre-contact lithic scatters and historic logging features including railroads.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Bull Run grazing allotment. Permittees have rights to access the evaluation area to maintain range improvements. There are 225 active mining claims within the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Bull Run Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Bull Run Inventoried Roadless Area boundary extends beyond the boundary of the evaluation area. The Monument Rock Wilderness is contiguous to the evaluation area in the southwest corner along an edge 3/10 mile in length. There are neighboring private lands to the east.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** There is a lot of dead and downed “blow down” vegetation throughout the evaluation area from previous fires. Cross-country motorized use is possible but not likely. The management of the evaluation area depends heavily on the results of the gold exploration project just outside the boundary to the northwest.

Evaluation ID: 2002

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	572
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 572

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Bull Run grazing allotment. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The steep topography and dense vegetation limits the motorized use in the evaluation area however there is a closed road in the western half of the evaluation area that may still experience some motorized use. The evaluation area is small at only 572 acres.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is mostly used for hunting and mining activities. There are 42 active claims within the evaluation area and no operating mines. There is a closed road that leads to Mud Lake Spring.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Bull Run grazing allotment. There are 42 active mines and there is a closed route that leads to Mud Lake Spring. Wallowa Whitman National Forest is open to cross country motorized travel; the terrain and vegetation in the evaluation area mostly prevents that type of use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Bull Run Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Monument Rock Wilderness on the southern boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2003

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	7261
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 7261

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** There have been previous fuels treatments, thinning projects and prescribed burning in the evaluation area. All treatments were located along roads, including several temporary roads.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** The evaluation area is within a portion of the Baker City Municipal Watershed and associated watershed infrastructure is unknown.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is secluded and scenic on top of the ridge. Civilization is visible but separated from development. There is heavy ATV use on fringes of the evaluation area that

limits solitude. The fence line road is heavily used by motorized users. Motorcycle use is common and frequent above the tree line where vegetation thins out. The evaluation area is popular for snowmobiling in the wintertime.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Access to the watershed is restricted. This is within a permitted area for outfitters/guides and it is not an area heavily used.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area has been identified as whitebark pine habitat, a threatened species. There are some pre-contact lithic scatters and historical mining features in the evaluation area. Historic and cultural sites are protected. The evaluation area is within the Baker City Municipal Watershed, a vital resource for the Baker City community.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are 26 active mining claims in the evaluation area. Baker City Municipal Watershed overlaps the evaluation area so access to infrastructure is legally established. This is within a permitted area for outfitter/guides and there is a private land parcel along the eastern edge. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to access needs and continued operation of the municipal watershed and snowmobile use in the wintertime.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There is a private parcel on the eastern boundary of the evaluation area, along Elk Creek.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? The evaluation area is a popular and desirable area for continued snowmobile use in the wintertime.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2004

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	6592
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 6592

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are some waste pile features from previous mining activity in the northeast portion of the evaluation area that are not noticeable. There are 40 active mining claims; there are no currently active operations.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Bourne grazing allotment, however grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a fair amount of unauthorized motorized use in the evaluation area that is

difficult to manage. There are many closed roads to the south of the evaluation area that still experience unauthorized use that limits solitude.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Hunting is a known primitive type of recreation in the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, historic mining features including ditches and roads. The McCully Fork is the upper reach for the municipal watershed for the community of Sumpter.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within a portion of the active Bourne grazing allotment to the east. There is a closed road that is used administratively to access a repeater site and lookout tower just outside the northern boundary of the evaluation area. The road experiences unauthorized motorized use by the visitors and restricting that use is difficult. Motorized encroachment into the contiguous North Fork John Day Wilderness from this road has been difficult to manage. There are 40 active mining claims within the evaluation area, mostly concentrated in the southern half.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the North Fork John Day Wilderness on its northern boundary. It overlaps with the Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area and there are neighboring private parcels to the northwest and south. Access needs/rights to the neighboring private lands to the northwest and south are unknown.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2005

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	28941
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 28941

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Some lakes within the evaluation area contain dams that are managed by water rights owners. There are maintained trails leading to these lakes. There are 143 active mining claims, only 1 is consistently, but minimally, worked.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are some historical mining features in the evaluation area (rock piles that are not causing obvious ecological changes).

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is popular for many activities. The North River Road provided

access through the evaluation area and is open to motorized use. A local 4x4 group has expressed desire for continued use of the road because of the quality of the ride it provides. It was not historically a motorized route that has since been opened and authorized for this use. Anthony Lakes Ski Area advertises it as a preferred route. There is heavy mountain bike use in the evaluation area on the trail system. Anthony Lakes Ski Area is authorized to manage Nordic trails and bike trails in the evaluation area. Dutch Flat is open to bicycle use; a previous motorized closure has expired so motorized use is now allowed. There is considerable snowmobile use along the southern border of the evaluation area.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is large enough to find places of solitude.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area offers opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation such as nordic skiing.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The current use of the evaluation area is heavy on motorized and mechanized recreation (downhill mountain biking).

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, cairns and historic mining and logging features.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within a portion of the active Bourne grazing allotment. There are 143 active mining claims and 1 is consistently (minimally) worked. There is a popular motorized trail and is a permitted area for the Anthony Lakes Ski Area to manage Nordic trails and mountain bike trails. There are private water rights on many of the lakes within the evaluation area where the infrastructure is maintained by the water rights owner. There are many neighboring private land parcels and access from those parcels to/from mining claims is unknown. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage given its current uses, there is a general public desire to continue those uses and the motorized trail systems within the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The North Powder Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor is within the evaluation area. Dutch Flat Creek is suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and is within the boundaries of the

evaluation area. The evaluation area also overlaps with the Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.

- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the North Fork John Day Wilderness along its western boundary. The Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area's boundary. There are parcels of private land scattered around the southern boundary and the entire eastern edge.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? The evaluation area is popular amongst the motorized and mountain biking communities.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area offers an array of opportunities, both non-motorized and motorized.

Evaluation ID: 2006

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	18121
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 18121

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** There are some managed reservoirs (and associated infrastructure) and diversion ditches within the evaluation area that the water masters adjust for agriculture use downstream. There are 79 active mining claims, mostly on the western edge near Bourne with a few scattered in the southeastern portion of the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are some historic mines and prospects within the evaluation area that are not causing obvious ecological changes. There are 79 active mining claims, mostly on the western edge near Bourne with a few scattered in the southeastern portion of the evaluation area. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** All trails within the evaluation area are open to motorized use. Marble Pass Road is open to the public. Snowmobiling is a popular activity throughout the whole evaluation area in the wintertime. The Elkhorn Crest Trail is open to single track motorized use and bicycles. The evaluation area is within a permitted outfitter/guiding area. There are a number of motorized trails throughout the evaluation area and widespread snowmobile use in the wintertime.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is within a hunting unit open for mountain goat.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is identified as Whitebark pine habitat, a threatened species. There area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, cairns, historic mining and logging features. The eastern portion contains approximately 3300 acres of the Baker City municipal watershed, a vital resource to the Baker City community.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are 79 active mining claims in the evaluation area, mostly near Bourne with a few scattered throughout the southeast corner. There is a court ordered road right-of-way in the northwest corner. All trails are open to motorized use, the Marble Pass Road is open to the public. The evaluation area is within a permitted area for outfitters/guides where mountain goats are found. There are numerous private water rights on reservoirs within the evaluation area with access needs. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage given its current uses, there is a general public desire to continue those uses and the motorized trail systems within the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?**
The Twin Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. There are small parcels of lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management along the northeastern corner. There are neighboring private lands along the boundary from the west side, around the northern boundary to the eastern boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The 2 highest peaks on the Ranger District are found within the evaluation area. The evaluation area is heavily used for snowmobiling in the winter months.

Evaluation ID: 2007

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	10080
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 10080

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Range improvements associated with grazing are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are 15 active mining claims within the evaluation area but no proposed or active plans. The evaluation area is within the Chicken Hill grazing allotment that is not being actively grazed.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is mostly inaccessible by vehicles due to the terrain and topography. No trails that are authorized for motorized use exist, however there is some known unauthorized motorized use of the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is isolated and remote. It is not located on the way to any destination; people would go to the evaluation area for a specific reason. Plans to expand the non-motorized trail that runs from the south to the north up to the Grande Ronde River is ongoing. The evaluation area is popular for hiking and hunting. Creeks in the evaluation area are of interest to users.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area has been identified as critical habitat for steelhead. There are known pre-contact lithic scatters and historic mining and logging features throughout the evaluation area.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area takes in a small portion of the Chicken Hill grazing allotment; it is not actively being grazed. There are 15 active mining claims but there are no proposed or active plans on any of them. The evaluation area is an outfitter/guide permitted area. The evaluation area experiences some unauthorized motorized use due to the concentration of closed roads surrounding the evaluation area. Although the use is limited by terrain, this use would make it difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Upper Grande Ronde Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Upper Grande Ronde Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** There are some scenic overlooks just outside the evaluation area boundary that offer unique scenic views. The evaluation area is surrounded by many closed roads that still experience unauthorized use. Most of the use in the evaluation area occurs during hunting season or by woodcutters. Old Camp Carson Mine is just outside the evaluation area. The headwaters of the Grande Ronde River are within the boundary. There is an ongoing road relocation and watershed enhancement project just outside the evaluation area.

Evaluation ID: 2008

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	9020
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 9020

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There is a historic Forest Service cabin at Horse Lake that is maintained and used by the grazing permittee for hay storage.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active East Pine Valley allotment; grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is some unauthorized cross-country motorized travel; topography and vegetation may provide screening.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for elk hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** There are no natural features that attract people, largely an undiscovered area of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The evaluation area is popular in the wintertime for snowmobiling.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains some pre-contact lithic scatters and historic mining and logging features including a cabin, ditches and roads. There are historic ditches that are still used to divert water up and over terrain to the valley below.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted use area. Wallowa-Whitman is open to cross-country motorized travel and there is some known cross-country use by ATV/UTVs. Popular area for snowmobile uses in the wintertime. The Lake Fork Creek area diversion ditches require motorized access for maintenance. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage the cross-country and wintertime motorized use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Lake Fork Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Lake Fork Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? The evaluation area is popular for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general public desire to retain this current use in the evaluation area.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2010

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	14036
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 14036

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** The evaluation area is within the municipal watershed for the city of La Grande. Buildings associated with watershed management, located at the dam are maintained/owned by the City of LaGrande and they have a right and a need to access to them.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Access to the watershed is restricted to non-motorized travel. There are some non-motorized trails within the evaluation area and it's a popular location for elk hunting. Beaver Creek is a desirable dispersed camp spot for stock users and permitted outfitter/guides.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Because access is limited within the watershed to non-motorized travel it is a desirable location for elk hunting and hiking. There is some known equestrian use, and some e-bike use in the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, historic grazing, mining and forest service features and is within the municipal watershed for the city of LaGrande, a vital resource for the community.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** There is a private inholding in the northern portion of the evaluation area with access needs.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Outfitters/guides are permitted to operate in the evaluation area. There are access needs to a private inholding in the northern portion and the city of LaGrande maintains access rights to the watershed infrastructure.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Beaver Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Beaver Creek Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. There is neighboring private land near the southeastern corner and a private inholding in the northern portion of the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within the Ladd Canyon/Dry Canyon Travel Management Area where motorized use is restricted.

Evaluation ID: 2013

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	5447
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5447

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Past thinning and fuel reduction treatments, signs of past harvest and Wallowa Valley irrigation canal are all noticeable improvements within the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, improvements in the modified evaluation area may be substantially unnoticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** There are some noticeable past thinning and fuel reduction treatments in the evaluation area. Log decks from previous harvests burned over in a wildfire and no vegetation has recovered due to the intense heat. These bare areas appear unnatural.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is popular for a variety of uses including cross-country skiing, bicycles, backcountry skiing, hiking and snowmobiling in the winter months. Wallowa Lake Tramway is just to the north of the evaluation area so it is difficult to find screening from the sights and sounds of others.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for cross country and backcountry skiing. There is a Forest Service hut for backcountry skiers. There is a popular hiking trail from Wallowa Lake.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area does not see a lot of motorized use because the steep and rocky terrain prevents it, although some motorized use occurs in the limited areas where terrain and vegetation make accessibility possible. There are 3 permitted backcountry op

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters and historic logging features including cabins and camps. There may be some sensitive plant species within evaluation area; exact locations and extent is unknown.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Wallowa Lake Tram operators are authorized to use the Mount Howard Road for administrative purposes. There are multiple special use permits in the evaluation area. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics due to the current and historic use, and there is a general public desire to retain such uses.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Little Sheep Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness along its western boundary. The Little Sheep Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area's boundary. Although

it's not within the "wildland urban interface," the evaluation area is near the Joseph/Wallowa Lake community, so wildland fire suppression is of great concern.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? The evaluation area is popular for snowmobile use in the winter months and mountain biking opportunities. There is a general public desire to retain these uses.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2014

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	5971
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5971

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** There are several fences and range related improvements (water developments) scattered throughout the evaluation area that are noticeable. There is a portion of the evaluation area that falls within the Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project that is planned for implementation in 2025. Treatments that may reduce apparent naturalness include commercial thinning, non-commercial thinning and prescribed burning.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Marr Flat grazing allotment. Impacts from grazing are evident in the lower end where cattle tend to congregate.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is popular for snowmobiling in the winter months for those seeking challenge.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** There may be opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Snowmobiling is known to occur on ridges where topography and vegetation allows.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, a historic trail (Road Canyon Historic Route).

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** There is one private inholding in the northern portion of the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Marr Flat grazing allotment. Access to the private inholding is unknown.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are private parcels along the eastern boundary of the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The size, shape and configuration of the evaluation area would make it difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics. If reshaped to a manageable configuration it would be less than 5000 acres in size.

Evaluation ID: 2015

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	10301
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 10301

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The Breshears OHV Trail System is in the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There have been previous thinning treatments in the evaluation area that are not noticeable. The Mount Fanny communication tower/site is inside the evaluation area and has been cherry stemmed out of the lands being evaluated.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active West Minam and Indian Creek grazing allotments. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The Breshears OHV Trail System is located within the evaluation area. This trail system sees heavy use from July-October. Due to the developed motorized trail system that spans nearly the entire evaluation area, opportunities for solitude are limited.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is sought out for berry picking, forest product gathering, mushroom picking, hunting, and dispersed camping.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The viewshed from the OHV rim trails offers scenic views of the Grande Ronde Valley. The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters. There are 2 Research Natural Areas within the evaluation area; one in the northeast corner that extends beyond the evaluation area's boundary and one on the eastern edge. The evaluation area is just north of the watershed boundary for the community of Cove. Bridge Creek is a possible contributor to the watershed.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active West Minam and Indian Creek grazing allotments. There is a motorized OHV trail system (Breshears OHV Trail System) within the boundaries. Access to the private lands along the western edge is unknown.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Castle Ridge Inventoried Roadless Area. There are 2 Research Natural Areas that fall within the evaluation area boundary; one in the northeast corner and one along the eastern edge.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is bound by private lands along the western edge.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? There is large public desire and a long-standing history and relationship with the EOATV Association to continue access and use of the OHV trail system.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is separated from the Eagle Cap Wilderness by the 6220 road. The road is rough but traveled. There is a planning effort for road maintenance/improvements to access the Mount Fanny communication site. There are many roads (open and closed) that surround the evaluation area. There are limited access points into the evaluation area. Eastern Oregon ATV Association helps manage the OHV trail system. To preserve wilderness characteristics the OHV trail system would have to be removed. If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, the modified evaluation area may be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics.

Evaluation ID: 2016

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	9393
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 9393

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** There is an extensive OHV trail system (Mount Emily OHV Riding Area) within the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is an extensive and heavily used OHV trail system (Mount Emily OHV Riding Area) within the evaluation area. Although topography and vegetation prohibit much off-road unauthorized use the sights and sounds from the trail system are pervasive. There are also several outfitter/guides permitted to operate in the evaluation area during hunting seasons.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** This is a sought-after area for dispersed camping, berry picking and big game hunting. It is within a limited issue hunt unit.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There are known rare plants within the Indian Rock area and possible Whitebark pine (threatened) habitat. Indian Rock Viewpoint is just outside the evaluation area and is a culturally important area. The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters and historic logging and grazing features including campsites and stock driveways.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Mount Emily OHV Trail System is within the boundaries of the evaluation area and the trail system extends beyond the evaluation area's boundary. There are a number of outfitter/guides permitted to operate in the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Five Points Creek is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System is within the evaluation area. The evaluation area overlaps with the Mount Emily Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Five Points Creek which is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System extends beyond the evaluation area boundary to the southwest. The Mount Emily Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary and there is one neighboring private parcel on the very southern end.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is separated from the neighboring Umatilla National Forest by a road and associated buffer. There are tribal considerations near Indian Rock Overlook. The evaluation area experiences heavy use from August until the snow prevents access, usually late October-November. There is a scenic view of the west side of Grande Ronde Valley from the ridgeline. There is a communications site just outside the boundary to the north.

Evaluation ID: 2017

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	10559
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 10559

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** All trails within evaluation area are non-motorized. Trails are used by bicycles. There is a heavy concentration of open roads along the evaluation area boundary to the north; none that extend into the evaluation area. The road system to the north of the evaluation area can be seen and heard within the evaluation area.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area offers opportunities for hiking, hunting, equestrian use in hard to access places and some people have been observed kayaking Bear Creek on inflatable kayaks.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, cairns and some historic grazing features. Bear Creek was identified as habitat for bull trout, a sensitive species.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Access to the neighboring private lands on far eastern edge are unknown.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Huckleberry Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness along the southern boundary. The Huckleberry Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area's boundary. There is neighboring private property on the far eastern edge. Access to the private lands to the far east of the evaluation area's boundary is unknown. No legally established rights of way or easements were found.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2018

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	1319
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	No
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 1319

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The evaluation area is practicable to manage to preserve its wilderness characteristics because of the difficult of access due to terrain.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Standley/Huckleberry grazing allotment; it is not actively being grazed. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is no motorized use in the evaluation area due to terrain. The evaluation area

is small at just over 1300 acres and less than 1 mile in width. The sights and sounds from the high concentration of roads just outside the evaluation area cannot be screened out.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is known to be used for dispersed camping related to hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is known to be used for dispersed camping related to firewood cutting.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? No

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Not Applicable

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Standley/Huckleberry grazing allotment that is not actively being grazed.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Huckleberry Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area shares its western boundary with the Eagle Cap Wilderness. The private lands to the north of the evaluation area were purchased by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and have been designated as part of the Minam River Wildlife Area. Huckleberry Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2019

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	28086
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	No
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 28086

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Associated grazing improvements including water developments and fences are noticeable throughout the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments with many associated water developments, fences, and old roadbeds are visible and are causing obvious ecological changes.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** There is a high concentration of non-native invasive plant species in the Big Sheep area.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are roads along the ridges; access is limited because of all the private lands within and around the evaluation area. The only public access into the evaluation area is from the bottom near Bear Creek Gulch. The evaluation area used to get a lot of springtime use as the evaluation area warms up and loses snow earlier than much of the forest but since public access changed and is now very limited, use is very low. There are a few areas within the evaluation area where opportunities for solitude may be found. The private lands within and surrounding the evaluation area may limit those opportunities.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? No

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Due to very limited access and the shape and configuration of the evaluation area, the evaluation area does not provide opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Native threatened and endangered plants were identified within the evaluation area. High elevation lakes provide good shorebird habitat.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. Access to many private parcels within and surrounding the evaluation area is unknown. No legal rights of way or easements were found.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Deadhorse and Sheep Divide Inventoried Roadless Areas.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area contains many private parcels within and around the boundaries. There is one very small section of Bureau of Land Management lands along the western boundary that have been determined to not possess wilderness character. The Deadhorse and Sheep Divide Inventoried Roadless Areas extend beyond the evaluation area's boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Due to the shape and configuration of the evaluation area from the private inholdings and private lands surrounding the evaluation area, it would be difficult to manage to preserve the wilderness characteristics.

Evaluation ID: 2020

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	13534
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 13534

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Grazing associated range improvements within the evaluation area are few enough that they are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Tope Creek grazing allotment. There are some associated range improvements that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a developed ATV trail within the evaluation area. Steep terrain prevents cross-country motorized travel from the ATV trail. The evaluation area is surrounded by private

lands and motorized routes. Due to the shape and configuration of the evaluation area and proximity to private lands and surrounding motorized routes, the opportunities for solitude are limited.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is within the Sled Springs hunt unit, but the evaluation area is not heavily used for hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre contact lithic scatters, cairns, some historic trails and remnants of a railroad.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Tope Creek grazing allotment. There is a motorized ATV trail within the evaluation area and access to private lands in the northern portion.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Tope Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Tope Creek Inventoried Roadless Area boundary extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. There are neighboring private lands along the western, northern, eastern, and southern boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Members of the public expressed a concern for access to

neighboring private lands, proximity to private lands and structures and the need for continued motorized access for grazing permittees.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area was identified as winter range for wildlife and there is an old growth preserve scattered in the lower half of the evaluation area.

Evaluation ID: 2021

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	7103
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 7103

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** There are several ATV trails and old roads in the lower portion of the evaluation area.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, improvements in the modified evaluation area may be substantially unnoticeable. Grazing associated range improvements exist within the evaluation area that are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Swamp Creek and Table Mountain grazing allotments. Grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** There are documented cases of non-native invasive plant species on benches.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are a number of ATV trails in the lower portion of the evaluation area near Cougar Creek.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Visitors are known to use the evaluation area for hunting. There is no longer access to Joseph Creek Trail because it has washed out and has not been maintained.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Visitors are known to use the evaluation area for wood cutting.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Joseph Creek was identified as high quality and important habitat for Steelhead, a protected fish species. The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters, cairns and rock shelters. There is a Research Natural Area in the northern portion of the evaluation area.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Table Mountain and Swamp Creek grazing allotments. There are designated motorized ATV trails in the lower portion.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The Joseph Creek Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor are within the evaluation area boundary. The evaluation area is within the Joseph Canyon Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Joseph Creek Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. The Joseph Canyon Inventoried Roadless Area boundary also extends beyond the evaluation area. There are Bureau of Land Management lands to the north that have been determined to not possess wilderness character and there are neighboring private parcels of land along the southeast, southern and western boundaries.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** There is a road leaving private lands onto Forest Service lands that is not maintained, and public access is not allowed.

Evaluation ID: 2023

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	8142
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 8142

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are 44 active mining claims and one recently reclaimed adit in T6S, R44E, sec 9. There is some non-compliant mining activity in the evaluation area. Baker County has a valid

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Sheep Creek, Boulder Creek and Eagle Valley grazing allotments, actively being grazed and they are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The 7745-550 road is open to motorized travel. ATVs use roads leading to the Bennet Peak area during berry and mushroom season and there is known local use at Two Color Lake.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails throughout the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There is a planned effort to reintroduce steelhead into the Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River. The evaluation area is identified as Whitebark pine habitat, a threatened species. The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining, logging and forest service features including roads, ditches and cabins. There is a Research Natural Area that extends into the evaluation area on the far eastern edge. Important watershed features include regularly maintained water management ditches.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within multiple grazing allotments; there are 44 active mining claims and one recently reclaimed adit; there is known cross country motorized use by ATV/UTVs and Wallowa Whitman National Forest is open to cross-country travel. Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not deter the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area. One ski permit outfitter is authorized to maintain a permanent yurt for their guiding service and resupply is via snowmobile. A road near Cornucopia is an access point to Simmons Creek for mining and outfitter/guide motorized use. A legal and valid right of way was issued to Baker County to access mine beyond trailhead. Current uses in the evaluation area would be difficult to manage and wilderness characteristics may not be practicable to preserve with current uses. There is a general public desire to retain current uses of the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River is within the evaluation boundary. East Eagle Creek is suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and is within the boundaries. There is a research natural area that extends into the evaluation area on the far eastern edge. The evaluation area overlaps with the Boulder Peak, Little Eagle Meadows and the Reservoir Inventoried Roadless Areas.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Contiguous to Eagle Cap Wilderness. Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River, East Eagle Creek (suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System) and the Research Natural Area all extend beyond the evaluation area boundaries. Private lands border the evaluation along the eastern edge.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general desire by the public to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2024

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	363
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 363

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Due to the small size and the short border contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness and current uses, it would not be practicable to manage the evaluation area to preserve its wilderness characteristics.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails throughout the evaluation area. There may be opportunities for solitude.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining, logging and forest service features including roads, ditches and cabins. Important watershed features include water management ditches that are maintained.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not prohibit the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area. Due to the current wintertime motorized use and the general public desire to continue such use, and the evaluation area being so small in size, the preservation of wilderness characteristics is not practicable.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Boulder Peak Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Contiguous to Eagle Cap Wilderness. Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River, East Eagle Creek (suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System) and the Research Natural Area all extend beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are 2 small parcels of Bureau of Land Management lands along the northwestern edge that have been determined to not possess wilderness character and there are neighboring private lands to the southeast and northwest. The evaluation area boundary comes very close to the community of Cornucopia which is heavy with mining activity.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general desire by the public to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2025

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	3053
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 3053

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are 29 active mining claims in the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment with associated range improvements.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails throughout the evaluation area.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining, logging and forest service features including roads, ditches and cabins.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within multiple grazing allotments; there are 29 active mining claims. Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not prohibit the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Little Eagle Meadows Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Contiguous to Eagle Cap Wilderness. There are neighboring private lands along the southwestern and western edges.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer

unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general desire by the public to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 2026

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	1714
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 1714

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The size, shape and configuration relative to the existing designated wilderness would make it difficult to preserve its wilderness characteristics.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are active mining claims in the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments with associated range improvements.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails in the southeast portion of the evaluation area. The evaluation area is popular in the wintertime for snowmobiling and there is an administrative area just outside the evaluation area to the southeast along West Eagle Creek. The evaluation area offers opportunities for solitude.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining relics. Important watershed features include water management ditches that are maintained.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments; there are active mining claims and known cross country motorized use by ATV/UTVs and snowmobiles in the wintertime. Wallowa Whitman National Forest is open to cross-country travel. Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not prohibit the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Boulder Peak Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Eagle Cap Wilderness is contiguous to the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general desire by the public to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The size and shape of the evaluation area would be difficult to manage as an addition to the Eagle Cap Wilderness because its contiguous boundary is only at the northeast corner.

Evaluation ID: 2027

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	3084
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 3084

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** The evaluation area is near the Cornucopia area heavy with mining activity and private lands. With the private lands and roads and trails that lead to the evaluation area's boundary, the evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve its wildern

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are a number of water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are 93 active mining claims and one proposal in the Norway Basin area above Cornucopia for an e

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails throughout the evaluation area. ATVs use the roads during berry and mushroom season. The evaluation area offers opportunities for solitude.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining, logging and forest service features including roads, ditches and cabins.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments; there are 93 active mining claims and a proposed exploration project being analyzed; there is known cross country motorized use by ATV/UTVs, and Wallowa Whitman National Forest is open to cross-country travel. Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not prohibit the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area. A road near Cornucopia is an access point to Simmons Creek for mining and outfitter/guide motorized use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Little Eagle Meadows Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Eagle Cap Wilderness is contiguous to the evaluation area along the northern edge. There are neighboring private lands to the northeast. The evaluation area boundary comes very close to the community of Cornucopia which is heavy with mining activity.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general desire by the public to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The Cornucopia community is very close to the southeastern edge of the evaluation area. Unknown if that area is "wildland urban interface." The size, shape and location (next to the community of Cornucopia) of the evaluation area would make it difficult to manage to preserve wilderness characteristics.

Evaluation ID: 2028

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	5922
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5922

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are several water management ditches throughout the evaluation area. There are 127 active mining claims and one proposal in the Norway Basin area above Cornucopia for an exploration project that is currently being analyzed. There is some non-compliance

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within active grazing allotments that are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails throughout the evaluation area. ATVs use the roads during berry and mushroom season and there is known snowmobile use in the wintertime. The evaluation area offers opportunities for solitude.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the evaluation area include berry picking, mushroom picking and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters as well as historic mining features including roads, ditches and waste piles. There is a Research Natural Area that extends into the evaluation area on the far northeastern edge. Important watershed features include water management ditches that are maintained.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within multiple grazing allotments; there are 127 active mining claims and a proposed exploration project being analyzed; there is known cross country motorized use by ATV/UTVs and Wallowa Whitman National Forest is open to cross-country travel. Snowmobile use is high in portions of the evaluation area where topography and vegetation density does not prohibit the use. The evaluation area is within an outfitter/guide permitted area. One ski permit outfitter is authorized to maintain a permanent yurt for their guiding service and resupply is via snowmobile. A road near Cornucopia is an access point to Simmons Creek for mining and outfitter/guide motorized use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** There is a Research Natural Area that extends into the evaluation area in the far northeastern corner. The evaluation area overlaps with the Reservoir Inventoried Roadless Areas.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Eagle Cap Wilderness and Research Natural Area all extend beyond the evaluation area

boundaries. There are neighboring private lands to the south and southwest. The evaluation area boundary comes very close to the community of Cornucopia which is heavy with mining activity.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Parts of the evaluation area are popular and offer unique opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime and there is a general public desire to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The Cornucopia community is very close to the southeastern edge of the evaluation area. Unknown if that area is "wildland urban interface." The proximity to the community of Cornucopia and mining activity there would make it difficult to manage to preserve the wilderness characteristics of the evaluation area.

Evaluation ID: 2029

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	3609
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 3609

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Pole Creek grazing allotment; grazing practices are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** This is a permitted area for outfitters/guides. There is some ATV use up the 580 road; the use is light. Snowmobile use is popular in the wintertime. Encroachment into the contiguous existing designated wilderness by snowmobile is difficult to manage.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is used for hunting due to the limited motorized use outside of the winter months.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains pre-contact lithic scatters and historic grazing, mining and forest service features such as trails, roads and ditches. The Catherine Creek Ditch funnels water from higher elevations down to the Keating Valley. The evaluation area may be potential wolverine habitat, a threatened species. Exact identified habitat unknown.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Pole Creek grazing allotment and is a permitted area for outfitters/guides. Access via motorized equipment is necessary to maintain the Catherine Creek Ditch; legally established access rights are unknown.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Area is within the Catherine Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness and the Catherine Creek Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? The evaluation area is popular and offers unique

opportunities for snowmobile use in the wintertime. There is a general public desire to retain this type of use.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Managing snowmobile encroachment into the wilderness is difficult. This management would likely get worse if the wilderness boundary were adjusted to include the evaluation area. There are several closed roads that meet the boundary opposite the wilderness.

Evaluation ID: 2030

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	1922
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 1922

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are some past fuel treatments within the evaluation area that are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments but are not actively being grazed. No obvious ecological changes noted.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails that lead into the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Use in the evaluation area is very low, very little sign of people or camps in the evaluation area. There are some closed roads that lead to the evaluation area's boundary; the use on them is also low to non-existent.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Due to the lack of motorized recreation and lack of people known to recreate here, there may be opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation but nothing was specifically identified.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is assumed to contain pre-contact lithic scatters and historical mining, logging and forest service features; none were specifically identified.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments that are not actively being grazed.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Upper Catherine Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness on the eastern edge.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The existing designated wilderness boundary follows a ridgeline; a topographic feature that is easy to distinguish on the ground. If the boundary changed to align with the evaluation area boundary it would not follow any distinguishable topographic features.

Evaluation ID: 2031

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	1421
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 1421

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are some past fuel treatments within the evaluation area that are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments but are not actively being grazed. No obvious ecological changes noted.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails that lead into the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Use in the evaluation area is very low, very little sign of people or camps in the evaluation area. There are some closed roads that lead to the evaluation area's boundary; the use on them is also low to non-existent.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Due to the lack of motorized recreation and lack of people known to recreate here, there may be opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation; nothing was specifically identified.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is assumed to contain pre-contact lithic scatters and historical mining, logging and forest service features; none were specifically identified.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments that are not actively being grazed.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Upper Catherine Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness on the eastern edge.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The existing designated wilderness boundary follows a ridgeline; a topographic feature that is easy to distinguish on the ground. If the boundary changed to align with the evaluation area boundary it would not follow any distinguishable topographic features.

Evaluation ID: 2032

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Summary

Size	2391
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 2391

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Yes
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are some past fuel treatments within the evaluation area that are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments but are not actively being grazed. No obvious ecological changes noted.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some non-motorized trails that lead into the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Use in the evaluation area is very low, very little sign of people or camps in the evaluation area. There are some closed roads that lead to the evaluation area's boundary; the use on them is also low to non-existent.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Due to the lack of motorized recreation and lack of people known to recreate here, there may be opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation; nothing was specifically identified.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is assumed to contain pre-contact lithic scatters and historical mining, logging and forest service features; none were specifically identified.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Catherine Creek and Mill Creek grazing allotments that are not actively being grazed.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Little Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Eagle Cap Wilderness on the eastern edge. There are 2 small Bureau of Land Management parcels and some neighboring private lands in the northwest corner. The Bureau of Land Management parcels have been determined to not possess wilderness character.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The existing designated wilderness boundary follows a ridgeline; a topographic feature that is easy to distinguish on the ground. If the boundary changed to align with the evaluation area boundary it would not follow any distinguishable topographic features.

Evaluation ID: 4002

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	5688
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5688

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The evaluation area is within the Swale Creek grazing allotment and there are some associated range improvements that are noticeable.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Fires in 2007 and 2018 created some containment lines that have been rehabilitated that are still noticeable on the ground. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** There are documented pervasive cases of invasive grasses (diffuse knapweed and North Africa Grass) to an extent that is noticeable.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area experiences unauthorized motorized use and there are many known user-created well-traveled routes that are apparent. The topography of the evaluation area makes cross-country, unauthorized use possible and common.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area was identified as critical habitat for steelhead, a protected fish species. The evaluation area contains prehistoric and historic cultural resources. None have been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs), but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Swale Creek grazing allotment and the evaluation area experiences unauthorized cross-country motorized use.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Skookum Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Skookum Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. The evaluation area crosses ranger districts, both within the Umatilla National Forest. The southern end of the evaluation area is bordered by Bureau of Land Management lands that have been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC). The Bureau of Land Management lands to the south have a motorized trail system where access onto Forest Service-managed lands is difficult to manage. There is a private parcel to the southeast and a parcel of state-managed land to the south. The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve its wilderness

characteristics due to the unauthorized motorized use and access from the neighboring Bureau of Land Management lands to the south.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 4003

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	6444
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 6444

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are ongoing fire rehabilitation activities within the evaluation area from the 2024 Battle Mountain Complex fires. The evaluation area is within the Ditch Creek and Thompson grazing allotments; the main canyon is excluded from grazing. These are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are no motorized routes within the evaluation area and the steep terrain hinders unauthorized motorized use. There are no trail systems.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area offers opportunities for shed hunting, big game viewing including big horn sheep.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Visitors can view bighorn sheep, a species that is locally rare. The Potamus Canyon has been referred to as the "mini-Grand Canyon and there is a developed viewpoint for this viewshed feature just outside the evaluation area. The evaluation area contains pre-historic and historic cultural resources, some of which are historic properties. None have been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Ditch Creek and Thompson grazing allotments; the main canyon is excluded from grazing.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Potamus Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Potamus Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. The evaluation area crosses ranger districts, both within the Umatilla National Forest boundaries. Bureau of Land Management lands to the south have been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC) and there is a parcel that is state-managed to the south. Private lands connect at the southeast corner of the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 4004

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	5368
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	No
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 5368

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Grazing associated range improvements within the Texas Bar grazing allotment.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Texas Bar allotment. Grazing associated range improvements exist within the evaluation area and are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area is surrounded by roads. There is a heavily used motorized trail

that bisects the evaluation area. Although topography may provide some screening, the sights and sounds from motorized uses are pervasive, thereby limiting the opportunities for solitude.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? No

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Due to the small size, proximity to surrounding roads and the motorized trail that bisects the evaluation area, opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation do not exist in the evaluation area.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There is critical steelhead habitat within the evaluation area. The 52 Road Scenic byway runs along the southern border of the evaluation area. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have been specifically researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Texas Bar grazing allotment. There is a motorized trail that bisects the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the South Fork Tower Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The South Fork Tower Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are private lands along the northern border of the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? There is strong public support for managing for other uses of the evaluation area and to mitigate impacts from wildfire.

- **What else is important to know about it?** There are projects within the evaluation area that are in planning stated including timber stand improvements, fuels reduction and vegetation management and managing planted areas.

Evaluation ID: 4005

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	21993
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 21993

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Some commercial/noncommercial harvest along southern boundary around The Knob is obvious. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a motorized trail within the evaluation area that is no

longer maintained. Some unauthorized motorized use is known to occur on ridgetops in the evaluation area. Topography provides some screening.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for hunting. It is within a hunt unit that is difficult to draw, and limited tags are issued. It is considered a trophy unit for elk. There are roads on the ridgetops that are not heavily used.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Gray Rock provides unique views of the Grande Ronde Valley. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Spring Mountain allotment where it is grazed with sheep. The use is not extensive. There are no associated range improvements in the evaluation area. There is a motorized trail not depicted on the map that makes a loop out on Huckleberry Mountain. It is not maintained. The evaluation area is popular amongst permitted outfitter/guides because of the desirable and limited issue hunting tags.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are neighboring private parcels along the west/southwest boundaries. The evaluation area would be very difficult to manage to preserve the wilderness characteristics due to its proximity to the Summit Road. The Summit Road is a main, heavily traveled and popular road and provides bases for camps mainly during hunting season.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The proximity of the evaluation area to the Summit Road, a main through road provides ease of access to less timbered ridges in the region. OHV and motorized use would be difficult to stop.

Evaluation ID: 4006

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	6866
Apparent Naturalness	No
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 6866

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? No

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? Yes

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** The evaluation area experiences frequent fires from the railroad along the western boundary and the non-native invasives that have come in as a result. There are dozer lines on ridgetops. There are several closed roads within the evaluation area.
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? Yes

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Non-native, invasive plant species including medusahead, common St. Johnswort, and North Africa Grass are prevalent on the hillsides spreading from the railroad right of way along the western boundary. The apparent naturalness of the grasslands is reduced.
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is an active railroad along the western boundary of the evaluation area. Approximately 15-20 trains run per day and are loud and pervasive. Their horns can be heard throughout the evaluation area. There is unauthorized motorized travel within the evaluation area that is difficult to manage. These activities diminish opportunities for solitude.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is within a desirable and limited issue hunt unit.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The railroad and proximity to private lands and limited public access limits the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Although there are no designated motorized routes within the evaluation area, there is known unauthorized motorized use that is difficult to manage. The evaluation area permits many outfitter/guides for hunting.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are private lands and lands that belong to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian

Reservation (CTUIR) along the western boundary. There is no public access along the western edge and snow often limits access from the east side of the evaluation area.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 4007

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	12364
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 12364

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are some small, documented occurrences of non-native invasive plant species growing unchecked on slopes within the evaluation area (Canada thistle and diffuse knapweed). Access and topography make management of these species difficult, and the natural vegetative communities are declining. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a motorized single-track trail within the evaluation area that is not

maintained and is seldomly used. The evaluation area is surrounded by roads. The shape of the evaluation area creates short distances to roads outside and the sights and sounds from them is pervasive even with limited topographic screening, thereby limiting solitude.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is primarily used during hunting season. The road system provides access along 3 sides.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Critical steelhead habitat was identified within the evaluation area. There is a 197-acre botanical area in Shimmiehorn Canyon along Shimmiehorn Creek. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Goodman grazing allotment that is not currently active. There is a motorized single-track trail within the evaluation area that is not currently maintained and is seldomly used. It is a permitted area for several outfitter/guides and the primary use is during hunting season.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The North Fork Umatilla Wilderness is separated from the evaluation area by the Forest Service Road 32.
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Hellhole Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are private lands along the western and northwestern boundaries of the evaluation area.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Although the evaluation area may be managed to preserve the wilderness characteristics of the evaluation area, natural vegetation communities are declining due to non-native invasive species growing unchecked. Access and topography limit active management.

Evaluation ID: 4009

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	26892
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 26892

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There is a historic cabin, Bear Creek Cabin that is no longer used for administrative purposes.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is an extensive, very popular motorized trail system (30+ miles) within the evaluation area. Most of the trails are single track with one 2-track trail and there are several constructed trail bridges on the system. The forest is in the planning phase of rebuilding some of the trails to increase access in the evaluation area.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for hiking, backpacking, horseback riding and hunting.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is known to contain some sensitive plant communities and has been determined critical habitat for bull trout, steelhead and chinook salmon. The watershed and integrity of it is important to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) for their new fish hatchery. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Walla Walla grazing allotment that is not currently active. There is an extensive motorized trail system within the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Walla Walla River Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Walla Walla River Inventoried Roadless Area boundary extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are private lands along the entire western boundary and more small private parcels along the southern boundary. There are parcels of Bureau of Land Management lands along the western boundary as well. There is a Bureau of Land Management designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the Bureau of Land Management parcel along the western boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** There are no outfitter/guides permitted in the evaluation area, but they may go in if they are guiding within the Walla Walla hunt unit. It would be difficult to prevent motorized use of the evaluation area based on the trail system and historical use.

Evaluation ID: 4010

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	1798
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 1798

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** No
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Managing for preservation of its wilderness characteristics is not practicable because of the private lands along the northeast, southeast and southwest boundaries. Livestock is actively grazed on the neighboring private lands.

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The narrow configuration of the evaluation area sandwiched between private lands on both sides diminishes the opportunities for solitude.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular and provides opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. There is no motorized access to the evaluation area, so activities include fishing accessible by foot and horseback only.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Several sensitive/protected species were identified in the evaluation area including bull trout, salmon and steelhead. Habitat was determined critical for these species. Potential threatened and endangered plant species were assumed to be present, but none have been documented. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present. The scenic portion of the Wenaha Tucannon Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor overlaps with most of the evaluation area.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The Wenaha Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor is within and overlaps with nearly all of the evaluation area. The evaluation area is within the Wenaha-Tucannon Three Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is contiguous to the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness. The Wenaha Wild and Scenic River extends beyond the evaluation boundaries. There are neighboring Bureau of Land Management lands along the northeast and southeastern boundaries. There are privately owned lands along the entirety of both the eastern and western boundaries.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 4011

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	11148
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 11148

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There are old timber harvest plots in the southern end that are not noticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** The evaluation area is within the active Asotin grazing allotment. Associated range improvements including drift fences, and a spring development are present; none are causing obvious ecological changes. Some documented non-native invasive plant species (Dalmation toadflax, gypsyflower, diffuse knapweed and Scotch cottonthistle) have been documented in and around the evaluation area but are not noticeable. The evaluation area recently burned in a low intensity wildfire. There are some older timber harvest plots in the southern end but are not obvious.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is one closed road within the evaluation area that is maintained for administrative use. The entire evaluation area is surrounded by a road system and private lands that have roads. There may be opportunities for solitude in the drainage bottoms; sights and sounds of others are pervasive from any ridgetop. There is a main travel corridor Forest Service Road 4304 that borders the northern boundary. This road sees the heaviest amount of traffic on the Pomeroy Ranger District.
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area offers opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation including hiking and horseback riding on the 25+ miles of developed non-motorized trails found within the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** Wenatchee Creek and West Wenatchee Creek drainages were identified as critical habitat for bull trout and salmon and steelhead. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Asotin grazing allotment.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Wenatchee Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Wenatchee Creek Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are private and state managed lands to the south. State lands managed by the Washington

Fish and Wildlife Service are popular for big game hunting. The Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness is nearby and separated from the evaluation area by a Forest Service Road.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? This is a popular area for permitted outfitter/guides for hunting.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is rugged and remote and may be practicable to manage to preserve its wilderness characteristics.

Evaluation ID: 4012

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	12241
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 12241

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** The Diamond Peak radio repeater and towers are just outside the evaluation area to the south. The evaluation area has burned multiple times in past wildfires.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There is active grazing in a small portion of the NW corner of the evaluation area. However, this is not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The evaluation area used to have a motorized trail system that has since been changed to a non-motorized trail system. There is very limited unauthorized cross-country motorized use due to the rugged and remote terrain.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area is popular for hunting. The bulk of use is during the months of September-November, and minimal use the rest of the year. Non-motorized trail system and hunting opportunities are in the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** There is identified critical habitat for bull trout in the Tucannon River. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** There are several outfitter/guides permitted to operate in the evaluation area.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The Tucannon River is eligible for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The evaluation area overlaps with the Upper Tucannon Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area borders the Weneha-Tucannon Wilderness along the south and west boundaries. The Upper Tucannon Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** There is a small area that was excluded from evaluation in the northwest corner. That should be added back into the evaluated area.

Evaluation ID: 4013

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	23613
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 23613

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** The evaluation area is in the final planning stages with expected implementation in early 2025 for large scale vegetation management (Tiger Mill Project) that would be obvious. Project activities include fuels reduction, commercial harvest activities and prescribed burning. The evaluation area is within the Mill Creek municipal watershed and there are associated improvements that may be noticeable.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Over half of the evaluation area is within the Mill Creek Municipal Watershed that supplies over 90% of the water needs to the city of Walla Walla, Washington. Entry into the watershed is limited to permit holders to conduct management activities to that benefit the watershed only, and one tightly controlled hunt. About 30% of the evaluation area outside of the watershed is a Research Natural Area and may provide opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation due to the limited access to the evaluation area.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** About 30% of the evaluation area overlaps with a Research Natural Area. Over half of the evaluation area is within the Mill Creek municipal watershed, an important resource for the city of Walla Walla, Washington. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Mill Creek Watershed Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Mill Creek Watershed Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundary. There is an neighboring Bureau of Land Management parcel along the western boundary that has been determined to possess wilderness character (LWC). There are privately owned lands along the southern, western and northern boundaries of the evaluation area.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area would be difficult to manage to preserve its wilderness characteristics because it is a municipal watershed and the adjacency to private lands.

Evaluation ID: 4014

Umatilla National Forest

Summary

Size	6061
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	No
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 6061

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** There is a lookout tower just outside the evaluation area along the western boundary (Madison Butte Lookout Tower).

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** There are some post-harvest/post-fire planted units within the evaluation area that are not noticeable. Evaluation area is within the Wall and Swale Creek grazing allotments and there are some associated fences. However, these are not causing obvious ecological changes.

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? No

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There are some closed roads that enter the evaluation area that still experience

unauthorized use. Non-motorized trail systems within the evaluation area are authorized for snowmobile use in the winter months. Motorized and electric bikes are known to use the non-motorized trail system and is hard to manage that type of unauthorized use.

- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** The evaluation area offers opportunities for horseback riding, hiking and bicycle riding on the non-motorized trail system. It is one of few trail systems on the Heppner Ranger District. There is little unauthorized motorized cross-country use due to vegetation (dead and downed).
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the Wall and Swale Creek grazing allotments and likely within a permitted area for outfitters/guides.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Texas Butte Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Texas Butte Inventoried Roadless Area extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. There are neighboring privately owned lands along the entire northern boundary.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? There is strong partnership interest in treating the evaluation area to reduce fuels because of the adjacency to private lands.

- **What else is important to know about it?** The evaluation area is within planned project boundaries including fuel reduction activities to reduce fuel buildup around Skookum and Alder Creek Trails and Texas Butte Trails. It is also close to the larger Parkers Mill and Wildcat 2 Project areas. Managing to preserve wilderness characteristics would be difficult because of the current uses and the general public desire to retain current uses of the evaluation area and public interest in fuels management due to adjacency to private land boundaries.

Evaluation ID: 5012

Malheur and Umatilla National Forests

Summary

Size	24163
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	No

Size

GIS_Acres: 24163

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? No

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Fire rehabilitation activities are ongoing from high intensity fire in the 2022 Crockett's Knob fire. Planting planned to occur in 2025. Active mining load claims in southeast portion of evaluation area. The evaluation area is within the active North Middle Fork grazing allotment with water developments limited to existing springs.
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** If the boundaries of the evaluation area are modified, improvements in the modified evaluation area may be substantially unnoticeable.

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** The evaluation area experienced high intensity fire in 2022 in the Crockett's Knob fire. Planting for rehabilitation is planned to occur in 2025.

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** There is a non-motorized trail from the southeast corner to the northwest corner (Princess Trail). The trail has been identified for pack and saddle use and there is known motorized (ATV) use on the trail. The evaluation area experiences heavier use during hunting season, otherwise use is light. Terrain and vegetation provide screening from the sights and sounds of others overall.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Visitors are known to use the non-motorized Princess Trail. The evaluation area is known to see heavier use during hunting season.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area includes a Whitebark Pine (threatened) treatment emphasis area. The evaluation area contains several precontact lithic scatter sites and a couple of historic archaeological sites, none of which have been evaluated for their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? No

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within an active grazing allotment. There are active placer mining claims within the evaluation area. The evaluation area is known for heavy winter motorized use (snowmobile). Eastern Oregon Trail Alliance has expressed interest in working with the Forest Service to establish authorized use of non-motorized trails for bicycle trails.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area overlaps with the Greenhorn Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area crosses forest boundaries (Umatilla National Forest and Malheur National Forest). There are some small private land parcels on the northern end of the evaluation area.

- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Not Applicable

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable

Evaluation ID: 6030

Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

Summary

Size	6196
Apparent Naturalness	Yes
Solitude	Yes
Primitive and Unconfined Recreation	Yes
Other Features of Value	Yes
Manageability	Yes

Size

GIS_Acres: 6196

- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, is its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable?** Not Applicable
- **If the area is LESS than 5,000 acres, why its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition is or is not practicable.** Not Applicable

Apparent Naturalness

Does the area generally appear to be affected primarily by the forces of nature? Yes

Are improvements substantially unnoticeable? Yes

- **What improvements are noticeable?** Not Applicable
- **What improvements are not substantially noticeable?** Not Applicable

Are human interventions causing obvious ecological changes? No

- **What human interventions are causing obvious ecological changes?** Not Applicable
- **What human interventions are not causing ecological changes?** Not Applicable

Do plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural? No

- **What plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable
- **What plant and animal communities do not appear substantially unnatural?** Not Applicable

Solitude

Does it have opportunities for solitude? Yes

- **What activities/improvements have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** Not Applicable
- **What activities/improvements do not have pervasive and/or permanent impacts on opportunities for solitude?** The use of the existing road system outside the evaluation area is low. Solitude on the Grande Ronde River is marginal during high use floating season. Topography allows for screening from the sights and sounds of others outside of peak use seasons.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Does it have opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation? Yes

- **What are the opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Floating the Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River is a recreational opportunity.
- **What are not opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?** Not Applicable

Other Features of Value

May it contain other features of value? Yes

- **What other features of value may it contain?** The evaluation area is identified as critical habitat for threatened fish species and as big game winter range. The evaluation area contains a combination of prehistoric and historic cultural resources (some of which are historic properties). None of the cultural resources have specifically been researched for Historic Properties of Religious or Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes (HPRCSITs) or Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) but they are expected to be present.

Manageability

May it be managed to preserve its wilderness characteristics? Yes

- **What non-Federal lands are within it?** Not Applicable
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, that may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The evaluation area is within the active Eden grazing allotment.
- **What legally established rights or uses created through a binding treaty, conveyance, lease, deed, contract, or law, do not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances may be relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** The Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River and associated corridor lies within the evaluation area boundaries. The evaluation area also overlaps with the Grande Ronde Inventoried Roadless Area.
- **What Federal or state legal circumstances are not relevant to its availability for wilderness or the ability to manage it to protect wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable
- **What adjacent land management may affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** The Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River extends beyond the evaluation area boundaries. The evaluation area is split between the Umatilla National Forest and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. There are Bureau of Land Management lands along the northeast boundary and privately owned and state-managed lands along the eastern/southeastern edge. The Wenaha State Wildlife Area lies to the east of the evaluation area and poses no management challenges.
- **What adjacent land management does not affect preservation of its wilderness characteristics?** Not Applicable

Additional Information

What has been learned about it from public participation and collaboration, intergovernmental coordination, and/or Tribal consultation? Use of chainsaws on the river would be difficult to mitigate/manage.

- **What else is important to know about it?** Not Applicable