



USDA Forest Service
Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

Inventory and Evaluation Process for Areas with Wilderness Potential

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The regulations implementing the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) regarding wilderness review and evaluation require that "*roadless areas...shall be evaluated and considered for recommendation as potential wilderness areas during the forest planning process...*" and that management direction be provided for these areas.

The entire process involves **three steps**:

Step 1 – Roadless areas identified in Appendix C of each of the four *Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS)* for the Forest Plans will be **reviewed** to determine if they still meet the criteria outlined in the Forest Service Handbook.

This review and update will correct miss-application of the criteria and incorporate changed conditions since the initial forest plans.

To prepare this inventory and assure that new information, technologies, and definitions are used, interdisciplinary teams of resource specialists have reviewed detailed maps of the Appendix C areas.

Step 2 – The next step following review is **evaluation** for wilderness recommendation. The result of this step is that some of the areas may be recommended for wilderness designation.

These areas will be re-evaluated for wilderness resource capability, availability, and need as part of the forest plan revision process. Wilderness designations, by law, restrict mechanized activities, however, some traditional uses such as grazing and/or mining can sometimes continue in a wilderness.

Step 3 – Finally, management direction must be determined for all of these lands, whether recommended for wilderness or not. Areas that are not recommended for inclusion in National Wilderness Preservation System during the forest plan revision process can be managed for other special values such as vegetation, wildlife, watershed, recreation, and range. Depending upon the special values that are identified, an area identified for wilderness potential may have other management direction established in the Revised Forest Plans and be managed for future development or may be left undeveloped.

Please stay involved – our success is dependent on your thoughtful participation!

Round Three of the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Collaborative Community Workshops will introduce our inventory and evaluation process, discuss some important contributions and constraints of roadless areas on the Blue Mountains national forests, and explain how the public can comment on the inventory and evaluation process. We will also provide an informal opportunity for people to review updated draft inventory maps.

www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/blue_mtn_planrevision

Contains information about the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision effort

www.roadless.fs.fed.us

Contains information related to current Forest Service management of "roadless areas" and includes information about the proposed Roadless Rule

www.wilderness.net

Contains summaries and text of laws related to wilderness



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Areas Inventoried for Wilderness Potential

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UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST				
Tracking Number	Umatilla Roadless Areas	Plan Appx C Acres	2005 net Inventory Acres	Reason for Change in Acres*
14016	Asotin Creek	16,900	13,660	1,380 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14125	Grande Ronde	12,200	17,563	185 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14350	Greenhorn Mountain	8,400	11,186	152 acres dropped that do not meet inventory criteria
14132	Hellhole	62,000	63,362	5,167 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14033	Horseshoe Ridge	6,300	10,450	4,25 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14023	Jaussaud Corral	5,500	4,223	4,458 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14249	Jumpoff Joe	5,500	5,468	235 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14028	Lookingglass	5,000	5,038	771 proposed to drop that meet inventory criteria
14018	Meadow Creek	5,000	4,554	278 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14021	Mill Creek Watershed	26,700	23,243	48 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14135	North Mount Emily	4,600	4,646	162 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14041	Potamus	5,400	5,389	653 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14040	Skookum	7,700	7,649	260 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14143	South Fork - Tower	16,900	15,216	1,358 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14017	Spangler	5,900	5,699	116 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14145	Squaw (Little Fly)	4,500	2,071	987 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14037	Texas Butte	6,900	6,830	545 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14014	Upper Tucannon	12,600	11,660	294 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14027	W - T Three	2,000	1,851	408 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14022	Walla Walla River	34,500	33,325	147 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
14020	Wenatchee Creek	15,500	14,368	532 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
14015	Willow Springs	11,100	7,831	467 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
UMATILLA TOTAL		281,100	275,282	<i>*Acreage changes also due to improved mapping technology</i>

WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST				
Tracking Number	Wallowa-Whitman Roadless Areas	Plan Appx C Acres	2005 net Inventory Acres	Reason for Change in Acres*
6276	Beaver Creek	12,470	11,368	33 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 807 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
1853	Big Canyon Id	14,236	14,103	
6282	Boulder Park	12,311	12,130	
6297	Buckhorn	16,022	17,167	
6278	Castle Ridge	8,300	7,354	10 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 526 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6299	Cook Ridge	19,422	19,602	
G08	Deadhorse	10,451	10,681	
Ww1	Dunns Bluff	1,013	717	
6267	Grande Ronde	5,400	5,646	
6252	Greenhorn Mountain	200	131	
6261	Hellhole	500	259	114 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6291	Homestead	5,733	5,812	
6289	Huckleberry	10,107	11,229	
6288	Hurricane Creek	1,623	1,605	
6294	Imnaha Face	28,716	29,551	
G04	Joseph Canyon	23,602	24,268	
1854	Klopton-Corral Creek	20,325	19,808	739 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6290	Lake Fork	17,663	21,918	
6285	Lick Creek	2,143	1,955	
6280	Little Creek	2,907	2,035	22 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 289 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6283	Little Eagle Meadows	7,140	6,978	
6286	Little Sheep	5,278	5,234	
6295	Lord Flat Somers Point	68,295	67,684	
6271	Marble Point	7,135	6,870	
6240	Monument Rock	5,958	5,745	
6298	Mountain Sheep	16,777	19,441	
6277	Mt. Emily	8,822	7,437	200 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 602 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6262	North Mount Emily	800	725	14 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6284	Reservoir	13,595	13,630	
6602	Sheep Divide	16,178	16,188	
6296	Snake River	29,933	31,205	
6601	Squaw	3,220	3,440	1 proposed to add that meets inventory criteria 19 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
G03	Tope Creek	8,674	9,229	
6256	Tower	100	39	7 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6273	Twin Mountain	60,903	58,503	
6281	Upper Catherine Creek	6,844	6,677	236 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
6275	Upper Grande Ronde	11,810	11,269	672 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 560 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6300	Wildhorse	19,868	20,292	
WALLOWA-WHITMAN TOTAL		504,474	568,026	<i>*Acreage changes also due to improved mapping technology</i>

MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST				
Tracking Number	Malheur Roadless Areas	Plan Appx C Acres	2005 net Inventory Acres	Reason for Change in Acres*
6233	Aldrich Mountain	4,951	4,872	54 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6242	Baldy Mountain	6,431	6,695	155 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 127 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6247	Cedar Grove	112	114	
6243	Dixie Butte	12,110	12,203	
6236	Dry Cabin	12,221	12,100	175 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6246	Flag Creek	7,789	7,988	276 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
6245	Fox Creek	5,879	5,736	109 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6239	Glacier Mountain	19,572	16,432	312 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 4,531 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6252	Greenhorn Mountain	16,600	15,930	
6251	Jumpoff Joe	4,100	3,903	17 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 2 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6234	Malheur River	6,984	7,279	
6237	McClellan Mountain	20,646	20,845	367 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria
6232	Myrtle Silvies	11,747	11,054	38 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 661 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6244	Nipple Butte	11,525	11,316	35 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6241	North Fork Malheur	18,276	18,059	
6248	Pine Creek	5,420	5,190	605 proposed to add that meet inventory criteria 875 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
6235	Silver Creek (Ochoco)	7,459	8,084	
6218	Shaketable	7,137	6,765	
6231	Utley Butte	9,945	9,701	76 proposed to drop that do not meet inventory criteria
MALHEUR TOTAL		188,904	184,266	<i>*Acreage changes also due to improved mapping technology</i>
TOTAL ACRES WITH WILDERNESS POTENTIAL		974,478	1,027,574	