

10/11/2022 Utley Roadless Area Field Trip Notes:

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Stop 1, Caribou Pasture, Izee Ranch border with Utley Roadless Area: We were able to see the work the Izee Ranch is doing on their Forest lands bordering the Roadless Area, and the condition of the roadless area. ECRD expressed their commitment to pursue a Categorical Exclusion for up to 3000 acres of treatment along the Izee Ranch boundary. SFJDWC staff and ECRD staff will meet on January 17th to delineate units and discuss pursuing funding opportunities for Cultural Resource surveys.

Stop 2, Utley Creek, Utley Roadless Area: The stream is overcrowded with timber, allowing little to no light through for grass or understory growth. The riparian areas are natural and one of the only travel routes available for livestock, causing what little understory that can grow to be utilized. The streams are incised, prone to erosion, lacking hardwood and woody debris. ECRD will need a more extensive background and specialist inventory work in order to suggest treatment options for riparian corridors.

For both stops attendees expressed concern over catastrophic wildfire at the headwaters of the South Fork John Day Watershed.