

**RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

Project Name: Pacific Power Right-of-Way Renewal CX Log #: OR-014-CX-07-11
Location: T. 38S., R11E., Sections 14 S2SE & 23 E2NE – Bly Mtn.
BLM Office: Lakeview District , Klamath Falls Resource Area County: Klamath County, Oregon

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION (INCLUDING PURPOSE AND NEED)

This project is a right-of-way renewal of a 12 KV underground power-line that runs approximately 3800 ft. in length and is 10 ft. wide across BLM lands. The original construction of this power-line OR-17509, was granted in 1977 and is a FLPMA right-of-way. The power-line serves customers of Pacific Power on the Keno Springs Road.

All vehicular traffic will be confined to the right-of-way or to existing roads and trails. Signs identifying buried lines shall be posted every 200 to 500 ft.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This is an existing right-of-way that needs to be renewed before expiration date of July 21, 2007.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans or NEPA analyses:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995 (Refer to Page 66.)
- Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program FEIS and ROD (1985) and Supplement (1987)
- Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) 1993
- Lakeview District Fire Management Plan - Phase 1 (1998)

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 11, Section 11.5 E (16)).

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provided none of the Extraordinary Circumstances listed in 516 Departmental Manual 2, Appendix 2 (5/27/04) are met. The proposed action will:

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		X
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks?		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?		X
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office?		X
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		X

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects, meet any of the above extraordinary circumstances, or fail to comply with Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects) – to avoid direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution.

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

Note: although none of the conditions for the above extraordinary circumstances are met, some resources discussed may potentially be affected. Mitigation Measures and Project Design Features in the table below will be applied to prevent the adverse conditions discussed in the extraordinary circumstances:

Exception No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures and/or Project Design Features

SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary (appropriate fields are Initialed and Dated by responsible resource specialist):

Surveys	Are Completed	Will Be Completed	Are Not Needed
SS Animals			RR 5/29/07
SS Plants			LW 5/21/07
Cultural Resources	TC 5/22/2007		
Survey and Manage			RR 5/29/07
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			RR 5/29/07
Botanical Consultation			LW 5/21/07
Cultural Consultation			TC 5/22/2007
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

No special status species or cultural resources are known within the project area. No effects are anticipated.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CX DETERMINATION

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an Exception to a categorical exclusion (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and does not meet any Exception. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extra ordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action is, therefore, categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation.

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Appendix A – Weed Mitigation Measures

All vehicles and equipment will be cleaned off prior to operating on BLM lands. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

High concentrations of noxious weeds in the immediate area of mechanical operations shall be mowed to ground level prior to the start of project activities.

All equipment and vehicles operating off of main roads shall be cleaned off prior to leaving the job site when the job site includes noxious weed populations. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

