Prineville District

Categorical Exclusion

Review and Approval

Name of Proposed Action: Hummingbird Allotment Grazing Lease Transfer

CE Number: OR-054-08-241

Project or Serial Number: 3605426

Location of Proposed Action: T. 7 S., R. 19 E., one mile west of Clarno, OR (see map).

Purpose of and Need for Action: Sale of base property for grazing allotment.

Description of the Proposed Action: Transfer of existing lease for the Hummingbird (#2673) allotment from Jon Everhart and Earl Buche to Herb McKay.

Plan Conformance:

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the following BLM plans: the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan Rangeland Program Summary, signed June 1986.

Categorical Exclusion Reference:

The following Bureau action normally does not require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

516 Departmental Manual 6, Appendix 5.4 D (1) Approval of transfers of grazing preference, dated 19 May 1992.

Exceptions to Categorical Exclusions Documentation:

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects under the CE exceptions, unless as noted. The propose action will:

CE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts 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 involve 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

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Documentation of Recommended Mitigation:

Item Number	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures
None			

Summary of Findings:

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an EA or EIS under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5. The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an exception to a categorical exclusion listed in 516 DM 2.3 A(3), or the additional criteria listed in Instruction Memorandum No. 99-178, the Lacey Act, as amended; the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974; the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended; EO 13112 on Invasive Species; EO 12898 on Environmental Justice; Clean Water Act of 1987; Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments to the Clean Water Act of 1996; EO 12088 on federal compliance with pollution control standards, as amended; EO 12589 on Superfund compliance; and EO dated July 14, 1982 on intergovernmental review of federal programs. In addition, this CE complies with IM 2002-053 on the Preparation of Statement(s) of Adverse Energy Impact.

Recommendation:

Permit preference for grazing the Hummingbird (#2673) grazing allotment to be transferred to Herb McKay. Authorized use for public land would follow the current lease which allows use to occur between the dates of March 1 and December 31. Total authorized use is 22 AUMs.

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CE Determination:

The proposed action and any specified mitigation measure(s) has been determined to meet the criteria for a CE and does not fall under any of the CE exceptions. No additional environmental analysis required. All cultural, T&E plant, and T&E wildlife specialists have provided clearances for the proposed project.

Ayn Shlisky 10-29-08

Reviewed by Ayn Shlisky — Date

Assistant Field Manager, Central Oregon Field Office

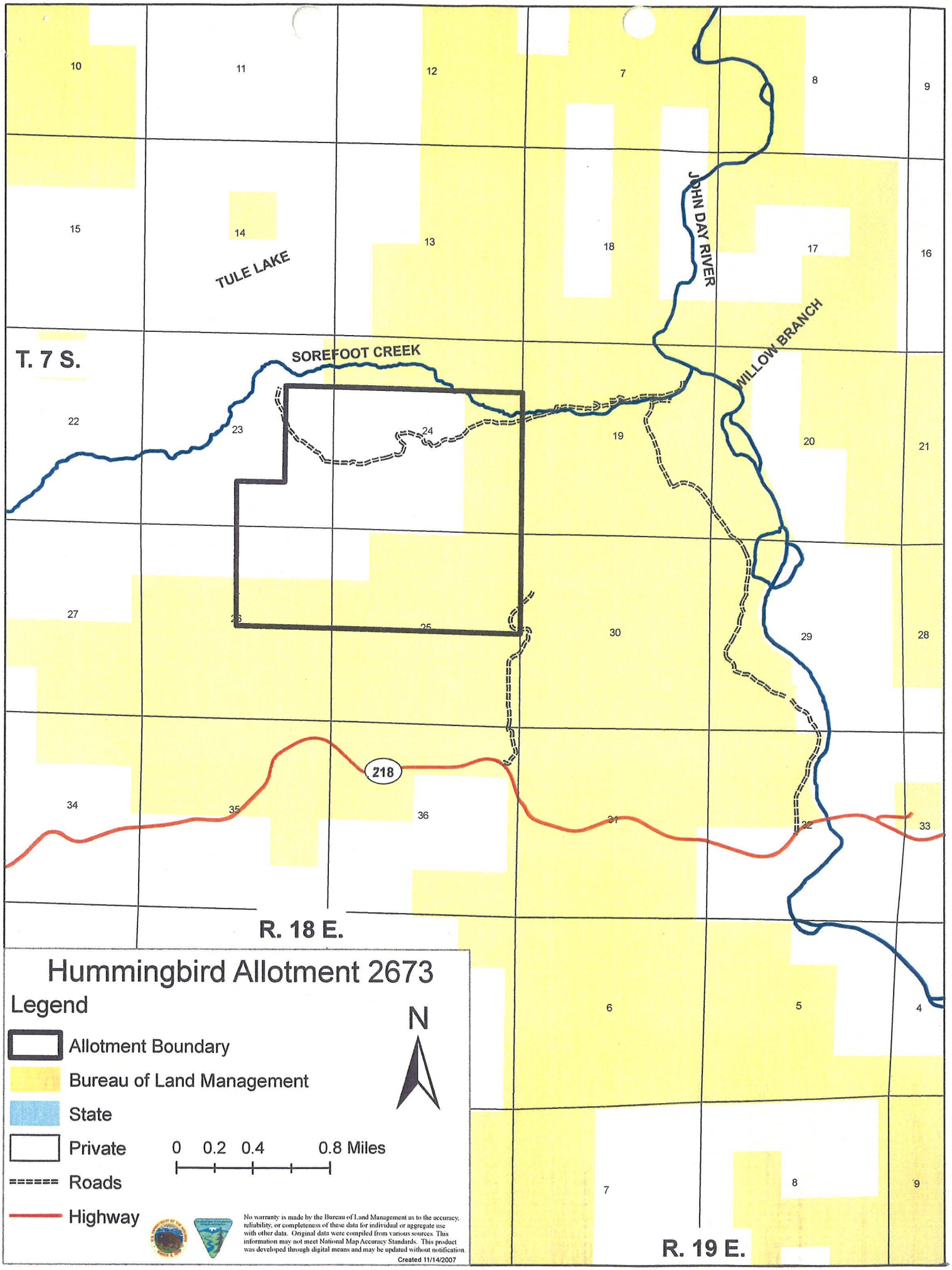
Approval:

Based on a review of the proposal and field office staff recommendations, I approve of the project as proposed and mitigated:

Christina M. Welch Nov. 5, 2008

Approved by Christina Welch — Date

Field Manager, Central Oregon Field Office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