Prineville District
Land Use Plan Conformance and
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
Review and Approval

Name of Proposed Action: Grazing Lease Renewal for the Snabel Creek Allotment 2676

DNA Number: OR-O54-08-075

Location of Proposed Action: Three miles west of Spray, Oregon

Purpose of and Need for Action: This action is part of the required NEPA process to renew an expiring grazing lease. The Snabel Creek Allotment was created from the existing Harper Mountain Allotment which has a grazing lease that expires on February 28, 2008. As a result, the Snabel Creek Allotment needs to be reviewed as part of the determination of NEPA adequacy process to authorize a grazing lease with a term of ten years.

Description of the Proposed Action: Renewal of the grazing lease to the current authorized lessee, Todd and Maria Mulvaney, for a term of ten years. The Snabel Creek Allotment was recently created as a result of a private land sale in the Harper Mountain Allotment. The land surrounds 140 acres of public land which is rated at seven AUMs. This action reduces the Harper Mountain Allotment to 620 acres of public land with 18 AUMs.

Plan Conformance:
The above action has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the following BLM plan:

The applicable land use plan (LUP) is: Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) dated June 1986.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the decisions as described below under NEPA Adequacy Criteria.

Conformance with Other Applicable Documents:
The following NEPA documents and related documents address the proposed action:
EIS: Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft EIS, dated 1985.

NEPA Adequacy Criteria:
1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?
Yes, livestock grazing on the Snabel Creek Allotment was addressed as part of the original Harper Mountain Allotment (2626) in the Final Two Rivers EIS pages 5 and 17 to 20, Two Rivers RMP/ROD pages 42 to 48.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?
Yes, the alternatives ranged from emphasis of commodity production to emphasis of natural values, which included the elimination of livestock grazing. Refer to page ix and pages 58 to 72 of the Draft Two Rivers EIS, pages 5 and 17 to 20 of the Final Two Rivers EIS, and pages 16 to 86.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?
Yes, the existing analysis is still valid. There is no new information and the circumstances are unchanged. The recent division of the Harper Mountain Allotment to create the Snabel Creek Allotment does not change the basis for the existing analysis.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?
Yes, the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) was evaluated in 1998 and found to still provide valid guidance for land use and resource allocations and directions.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?
Yes, the proposed action does not present new impacts which were not already analyzed in the existing NEPA documents. The proposed action is a continuation of the existing management.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?
Yes, they are substantially unchanged. Although the Two Rivers RMP does not specifically address cumulative impacts of grazing, it does address long-term impacts of the action with the assumption that the grazing activity would continue. Recommendations and objectives in the documents reflect the impacts and expected improvements that would continue with ongoing grazing.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?
Yes. Many of the individuals and organizations on the current "interested publics" list are the same as those on the mailing list for the various NEPA documents listed. A copy of this conformance worksheet is available to the public upon request.

Interdisciplinary Analysis:
The following Prineville District BLM employees reviewed this analysis for accuracy in their area of expertise:

Name	Specialty	Initials/Date
Ron Halvorson	Botany, Special Status Plants	RWH 11/27/07
Jeff Moss	Fisheries, Riparian	JDM 12/4/07
Heidi Mottl	Recreation, Wilderness Study Areas	HM 11/28/07
Don Zalunardo	Wildlife	DZ 12/4/07
John Zancanella	Cultural Resources	JZ 11/28/07

Mitigation Measures:
None.

Recommendation:
Authorize issuance of a grazing lease on the Snabel Creek Allotment (2676) for a term of ten years.

Prepared By: Lyle Andrews Date 11/27/07
Lyle Andrews, Rangeland Management Specialists

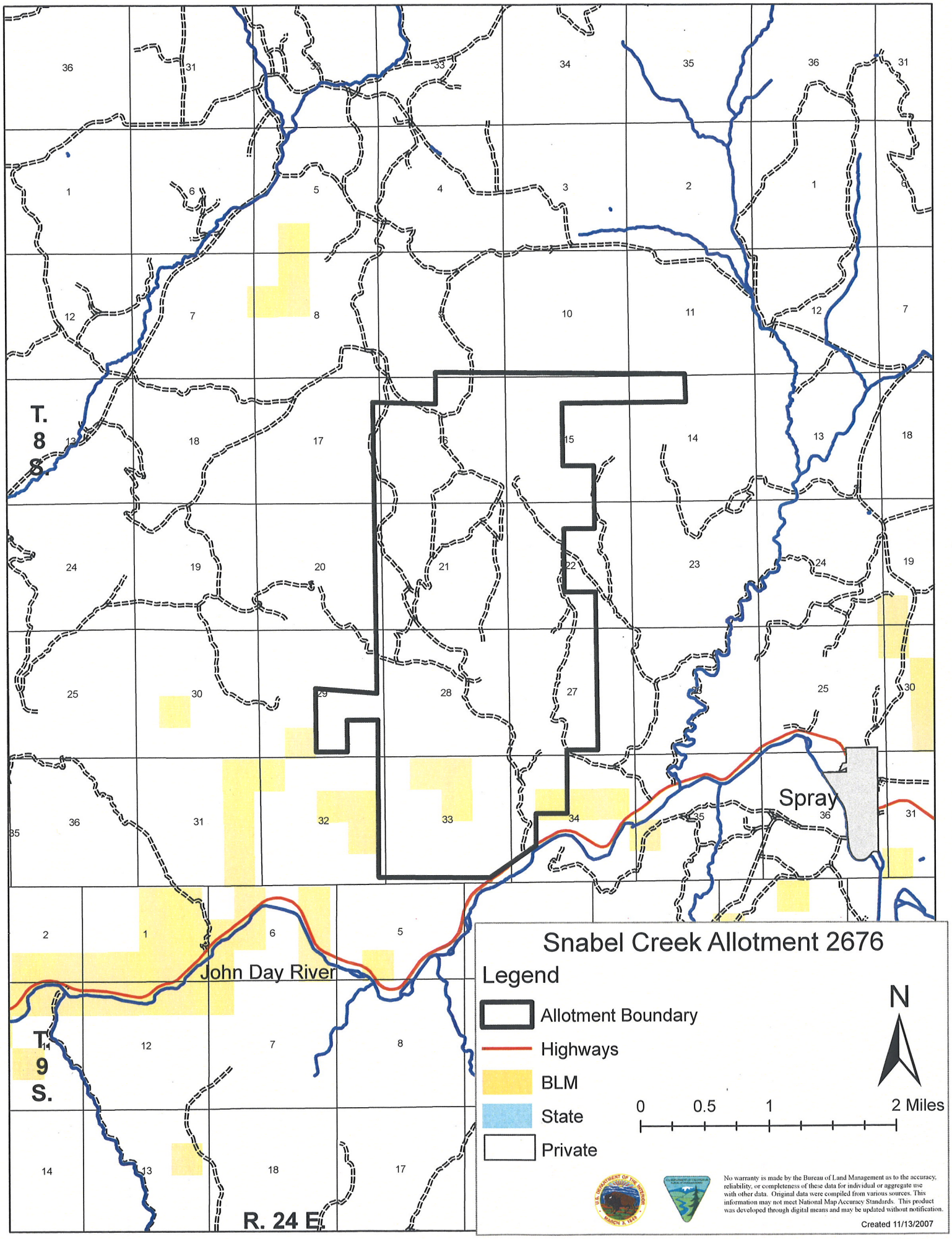
Plan Conformance/DNA Determination:
The proposed action has been determined to meet the criteria for a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). No additional environmental analysis is required. The appropriate cultural, T&E plant and wildlife specialists have reviewed the proposed action and concur with the recommendation.

Reviewed By: Danny L. Tippy Date 12/4/07
Danny L. Tippy, Assistant Field Manager, Central Oregon Resource Area
Environmental Coordinator

Approval:
Based on review of this documented, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plans and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLMs compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Approved By: Christina M. Welch Date 12/11/2007
Christina M. Welch, Field Manager, Central Oregon Resource Area

Attachment: allotment maps (Snabel Creek & Harper Mountain Allotments)
Note: *The signature on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and cannot be appealed.*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