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July 22, 2008

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed is the Decision Record for the Coos Bay North Jetty Interim Repair Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The general public was informed of the planned EA and initial comments were requested on the proposed management actions through a notice to those on the mailing list and a news release published in The World newspaper on April 11, 2008. A notice was also posted on the Corps internet site, <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil>. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project was signed on July 21, 2008.

The decision has been made to proceed with the project. The Decision Record is open to Appeal procedures as detailed at 43 CFR Part 4 Subpart E – Special Rules Applicable to Public Land Hearings and Appeals (Administrative Remedies). Appeals of this action must be filed within 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability for this Decision. If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 2801.10 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Please direct requests for copies, questions, or comments to Coos Bay District BLM, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459-2000, Attention: Linda Petterson, call (541) 751-4207, FAX (541) 751-4303; or e-mail to OR_CoosBay_Mail@blm.gov, Attention: Linda Petterson.

Sincerely,

Dennis Turowski

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Enclosure



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DECISION RECORD

for

The Army Corps of Engineers' Use of a Staging Area Ancillary to the Coos Bay North Jetty Interim Repair

Background

The Coos Bay North Jetty Interim Repair Environmental Assessment (EA) is tiered to the Coos Bay District BLM, Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, (RMP, BLM, 1995), which is in conformance with the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for the Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its Record of Decision (ROD), (Northwest Forest Plan, Interagency, 1994), as supplemented and amended, and the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standard and Guidelines (Interagency, 2001).

The estimated environmental effects described in the EA are based on research, professional judgment and the experience of the Interdisciplinary Team identified in the EA. No significant adverse impacts are expected to (1) Air Quality, (2) Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, (3) Cultural Resource Values, (4) Prime or Unique Farmland, (5) Flood Plains, (6) Native American Religious Concerns, (7) Hazardous Materials/Solid Waste, (8) Threatened or Endangered Species, (9) Water Quality, (10) Wetlands and Riparian Zones, (11) Wild and Scenic Rivers, (12) Wilderness Values or (13) Noxious Weeds.

United States Fish & Wildlife Service consultation was completed April 2008 and National Marine Fisheries Service consultation was completed June 2008.

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Decision

I have decided to implement the Proposed Action as described in the EA, including all Project Design Features listed in the EA to minimize potential impacts to the environment.

Rationale for Decision

The decision to implement the Proposed Action is being made for the following reasons:

No Action Alternative – Under this alternative, taking no action is likely to force the Corps to find another site for staging rock needed for the jetty repair. Staging at another site could add an additional loading and unloading of the jetty rock, increasing the risk of fractures in the rock and

