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IN REPLY REFER TO

1791/8372/H-8372-1 (ORC030)

Rocky Jones Big Game Guide Service Special Recreation Permit

DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-0007-CX

**July 23, 2015**

Dear Concerned Citizen,

I have signed the Decision Record for the Rocky Jones Big Game Guide Service Special Recreation Permit Categorical Exclusion (CX) (DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-0007-CX). A commercial guide has requested a Special Recreation Permit for big game hunting on BLM-managed lands within portions of the Tioga, Siuslaw, and Rogue hunting units. The BLM has posted these documents at the BLM internet site: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/index.php>.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed with the Umpqua Field Office, Coos Bay BLM, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459 (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413). A copy of the Notice of Appeal must also be sent to the BLM Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, 500 NE Multnomah St. Suite 607, Portland, OR 97232.

The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision being appealed is in error.

For further information, contact Heather Partipilo at 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, or (541) 756-0100, or email at [BLM\\_OR\\_CB\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov), Attn: Heather Partipilo.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Todd D. Buchholz*

Todd D. Buchholz

Umpqua Field Manager



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### Decision Record for Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-0007-CX

#### Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for the Rocky Jones Big Game Service, as described in the attached Rocky Jones Big Game Service Special Recreation Permit Categorical Exclusion (CX) Review, described in DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-0007-CX.

#### Decision Rationale:

I have reviewed the Rocky Jones Big Game Service SRP CX and determined that the issuance of a SRP is in conformance with the approved land use plans and that no further environmental analysis is required.

There are no potential significant impacts to the human or natural environment that would result from issuing this SRP, as indicated in the attached CX Review (DOI-BLM-OR\_C030-2015-0007-CX).

#### Signature of Authorizing Official(s):

*/s/ David Wash*

For

*July 6, 2015*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Todd Buchholz  
Field Manger, Umpqua Field Office  
Coos Bay District Office

*/s/ Jacob Winn*

For

*July 13, 2015*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Max Yager  
Field Manager, Swiftwater Resource Area  
Roseburg District Office

*/s/ Teresa Trulock*

*July 20, 2015*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teresa Trulock  
Field Manager, Butte Falls Resource Area  
Medford District Office

**Administrative Remedies:**

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Categorical Exclusion Review (CX)

DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-0007-CX

Date: June 15, 2015

**A. Background**

**Project:** Rocky Jones Big Game Service Special Recreation Permit (SRP)

**Location:** BLM-managed lands within the Coos Bay District (Umpqua and Myrtlewood Field Offices), Roseburg District (Swiftwater Resource Area), and Medford District (Butte Falls Resource Area). See the attached maps for specific locations for the Tioga, Rogue, and Siuslaw hunting units.

**Project Description:** The Coos Bay District BLM received an application for a 3-year commercial Special Recreation Permit to operate a big game guide service for deer, elk, and bear within portions of the Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Medford Districts for Summer/Fall 2015 through September 30, 2017. Most of the guided hunting activities would be within the Tioga Hunting Unit (Coos Bay District, east of Fairview); however, other guided hunts would occur in the Rogue Hunting Unit along the Butte Falls Highway (Medford District), and within the Siuslaw Hunting Unit south of the Smith River (Roseburg District). Motorized vehicles would stay on existing roads. The applicant proposes entering BLM lands an hour before sunrise and leaving an hour after sunset. The BLM would issue Special Recreation Permit No. DOI-BLM-OR-C030-2015-01. The BLM's Coos Bay, Medford, and Roseburg Districts issue special recreation permits with a (multi-district) Commercial Special Recreation Permit Operating Plan, which establishes the terms and conditions for guided hunting on BLM-administered lands.

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance Review:**

*Medford District*

The issuance of a Special Recreation Permit is in conformance with and under the management direction of the 1995 Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (1995 ROD/RMP). The analysis supporting this decision tiers to the Final Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (USDI 1994). This 1995 Record of Decision is also supported by, and consistent with, the 1994 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its associated Record of Decision (USDA/USDI 1994).

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision(s):

Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand in the planning area (p. 62).

*Roseburg District*

The issuance of a Special Recreation Permit is in conformance with and under the management direction of the 1995 Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (1995 ROD/RMP). The analysis supporting this decision tiers to the Final Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (USDI 1994). This 1995 Record of Decision is also supported by, and consistent with, the 1994 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its associated Record of Decision (USDA/USDI 1994).

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision(s):

Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand in the planning area (p. 55).

*Coos Bay District*

The issuance of a Special Recreation Permit is in conformance with and under the management direction of the 1995 Coos Bay District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (1995 ROD/RMP). The analysis supporting this decision tiers to the Final Coos Bay District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (USDI 1994). This 1995 Record of Decision is also supported by, and consistent with, the 1994 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its associated Record of Decision (USDA/USDI 1994).

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision(s):

Continue to provide non-motorized recreation opportunities and create additional opportunities where consistent with other management objectives. (p. 46)

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The issuance of a Special Recreation Permit is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, H (1):

Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic River. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

There is no potential for significant impacts because of the type of action, stipulations and the fact that the permit is for activities that are also open to the public in general. Big game hunting has occurred in the project area for decades, and providing motorized vehicles stay on existing roads, impacts are negligible and pose no significant impacts to other resource values.

*Umpqua Field Office (Coos Bay) Staff Review*

<u>Extraordinary Circumstances</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) Health & Safety			
Hazardous Materials	Reviewed by Hazardous Materials Coordinator	JEN	6/15/2015
(b) Unique Resources	Reviewed by Port-Orford Cedar Coordinator	JEN	6/17/15
(c) Controversial Effects	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	hp	6/15/2015
(d) Risks	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	hp	6/15/2015
(e) Precedent	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	hp	6/15/2015
(f) Cumulative	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	hp	6/15/2015
(g) Cultural & Historic	Reviewed by Archaeologist	SPS	6/15/2015
(h) T & E Species	Reviewed by: Wildlife Biologist, Fisheries Biologist, Botanist	JMS JF JS	6/15/15 6/15/15 6/16/15
(i) Violate Laws	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	hp	6/15/2015
(j) Environmental Justice	Reviewed by Environmental Justice Coordinator	SPS	6/15/2015
(k) Native American	Reviewed by District Native American Coordinator	SPS	6/15/2015
(l) Noxious Weeds	Reviewed by Noxious Weed Coordinator	CN	6/17/15

*Swiftwater Field Office (Roseburg) Staff Review*

<u>Extraordinary Circumstances</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) Health & Safety			
Hazardous Materials	Reviewed by Hazardous Materials Coordinator	<u>KJK</u>	<u>6/11/15</u>
(b) Unique Resources	Reviewed by Unique Resources Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(c) Controversial Effects	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(d) Risks	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(e) Precedent	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(f) Cumulative	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(g) Cultural & Historic	Reviewed by Archaeologist	<u>mye</u>	<u>6/3/15</u>
(h) T & E Species	Reviewed by: Wildlife Biologist, Fisheries Biologist, Botanist	<u>WJW</u> <u>jm</u> <u>JLB</u>	<u>6/11/15</u> <u>6/11/15</u> <u>6/12/15</u>
(i) Violate Laws	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(j) Environmental Justice	Reviewed by Environmental Justice Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(k) Native American	Reviewed by District Native American Coordinator	<u>MRR</u>	<u>6/10/15</u>
(l) Noxious Weeds	Reviewed by Noxious Weed Coordinator	<u>JLB</u>	<u>6/12/15</u>

*Butte Falls Field Office (Medford) Staff Review*

<u>Extraordinary Circumstances</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) Health & Safety Hazardous Materials	Reviewed by Hazardous Materials Coordinator	<u>W/A</u> <u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(b) Unique Resources	Reviewed by Unique Resources Coordinator (Trish Lindaman)	<u>TL</u>	<u>6/16/15</u>
(c) Controversial Effects	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator (Tony Kerwin)	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(d) Risks	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator (Tony Kerwin)	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(e) Precedent	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator (Tony Kerwin)	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(f) Cumulative	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator (Tony Kerwin)	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(g) Cultural & Historic	Reviewed by Archaeologist	<u>AF</u>	<u>6/17/15</u>
(h) T & E Species	Reviewed by: Wildlife Biologist, Fisheries Biologist, Botanist	<u>DKK</u> <u>ASD</u> <u>MW</u>	<u>6/17/15</u> <u>6/17/15</u> <u>6/16/15</u>
(i) Violate Laws	Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator (Tony Kerwin)	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(j) Environmental Justice	Reviewed by Environmental Justice Coordinator	<u>DKK</u>	<u>6-22-15</u>
(k) Native American	Reviewed by District Native American Coordinator	<u>(FC)</u>	<u>6/19/15</u>
(l) Noxious Weeds	Reviewed by Noxious Weed Coordinator	<u>AMW</u>	<u>6/16/15</u>

A summary of the extraordinary circumstances is listed below. The action must have a significant or a disproportional adverse effect on the listed categories to warrant further analysis and environmental review.

<b>THE PROPOSED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION WILL:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The area is currently open to hunting for the public and all Oregon State Hunting Regulations do apply to such use as it pertains to the requested activity. The permittee would be required to assume responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility. The permittee would be subject to, and agree upon, signed stipulations required by the BLM.		
<b>(b) 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 principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (EO 11988), national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Off-road vehicle travel would not be permitted, and permittee would be required to follow all regulations as it pertains to their hunting permits/tags. The permittee would not be operating in any of the special areas listed above where commercial hunting and outfitting is restricted.		
<b>(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102 (2)(E)]</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action is not expect to cause public controversy since hunting would take place during approved hunting seasons. There are no highly controversial or predicted environmental effects from the proposed action. There are no unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses.		
<b>(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Impacts from the proposed action are predictable. Environmental impacts would be similar to a responsible unguided/outfitted hunter. Stipulations would be incorporated to ensure Rocky Jones Big Game Service does not create impacts beyond those of normal hunting use. This includes vehicles staying on existing roads. Guided hunting activities would not include ground disturbing activities. The permittee would not be using any pack animals. The permittee would practice hiking/backpack-type hunting only.		
<b>(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action does not establish a precedent for future actions, nor does it represent a decision about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. There is no evidence that this type of activity has potentially significant environmental effects.		
<b>(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action would exert the same level of use as the public in hunting; therefore, there would be no direct relationship to other actions.		

THE PROPOSED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION WILL:	YES	NO
<b>(g) 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.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action does not authorize any ground disturbance; therefore, guided hunting would not include or impact properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.		
<b>(h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Threatened or Endangered Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife manages permits/tags for hunting in Oregon. The species targeted (deer, elk, and bear) during guided hunts would not include any T&E species, and the hunts would not have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for T&E species.		
<b>(i) Violate a Federal, State, Local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The issuance of a Special Recreation Permit for commercial guided hunting on BLM-managed lands conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the ROD/RMP, which complies with all applicable Federal, State, local and tribal laws. The Rocky Jones Big Game Service would be required to comply with all federal, state, and local laws; ordinances; regulations; orders; postings; or written requirements applicable to the area or operations covered by the SRP.		
<b>(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action is not known to have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. The permittee would not be allowed to exclude other hunters from the area, as the area is public lands. The permittee would not be allowed to interfere with other valid uses of the federal land by other users.		
<b>(k) 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).</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed action would not limit access to or ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on BLM-managed federal lands. The proposed area is open to the public. The proposed action would not interfere with other valid uses of the federal land by other users.		
<b>(l) 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).</b>		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Noxious weeds currently exist in the project area, primarily along existing roads, riparian areas, and heavily used areas. It is unlikely that the proposed action would result in the introduction, or spread of weedy plants beyond the current level. It is unlikely that this level of activity, similar to use by other hunters, would contribute to any measurable contribution to the noxious weed population and spread. The Rocky Jones Big Game Service would not use any pack animals or livestock. Ground disturbing activities would not occur, new routes or trails would not be created, and motorized vehicles would be limited to designated roads. The proposed activity would include hiking into an area.		

**D. Signature**

Authorizing Officials:

~~Teresa Trulock~~ ~~DAUNE BARROW~~ ~~Dist~~  
DISTRICT Field Manager, Butte Falls Resource Area  
Medford District Office

Date: 22 June 2015

*for*  
Max Yager  
Field Manager, Swiftwater Resource Area  
Roseburg District Office

Date: 6/29/15

*Acting For*  
Todd Buchholz  
Field Manager, Umpqua Field Office  
Coos Bay District Office

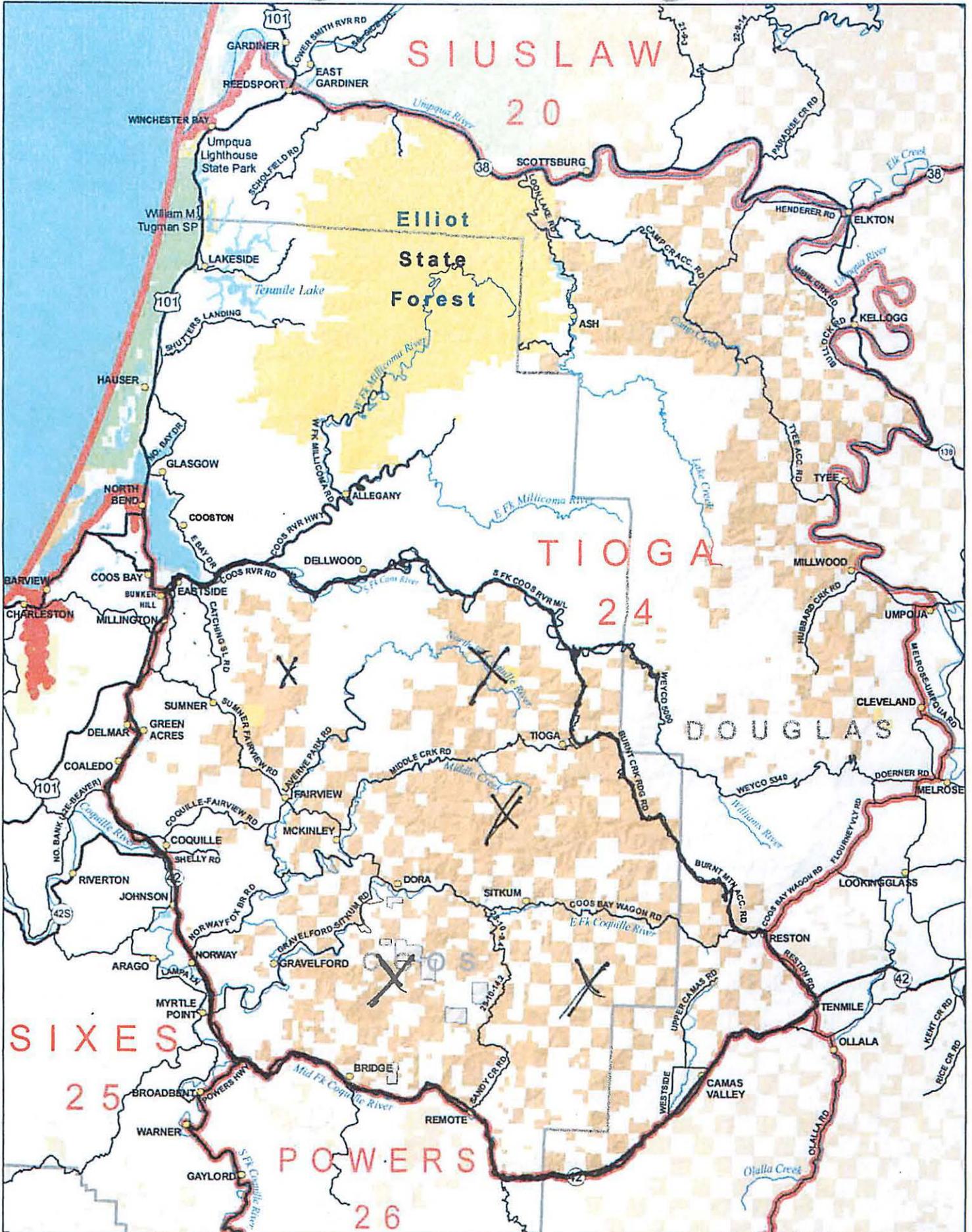
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**E. Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Heather Partipilo, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, Coos Bay District, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, (541) 751-4348.

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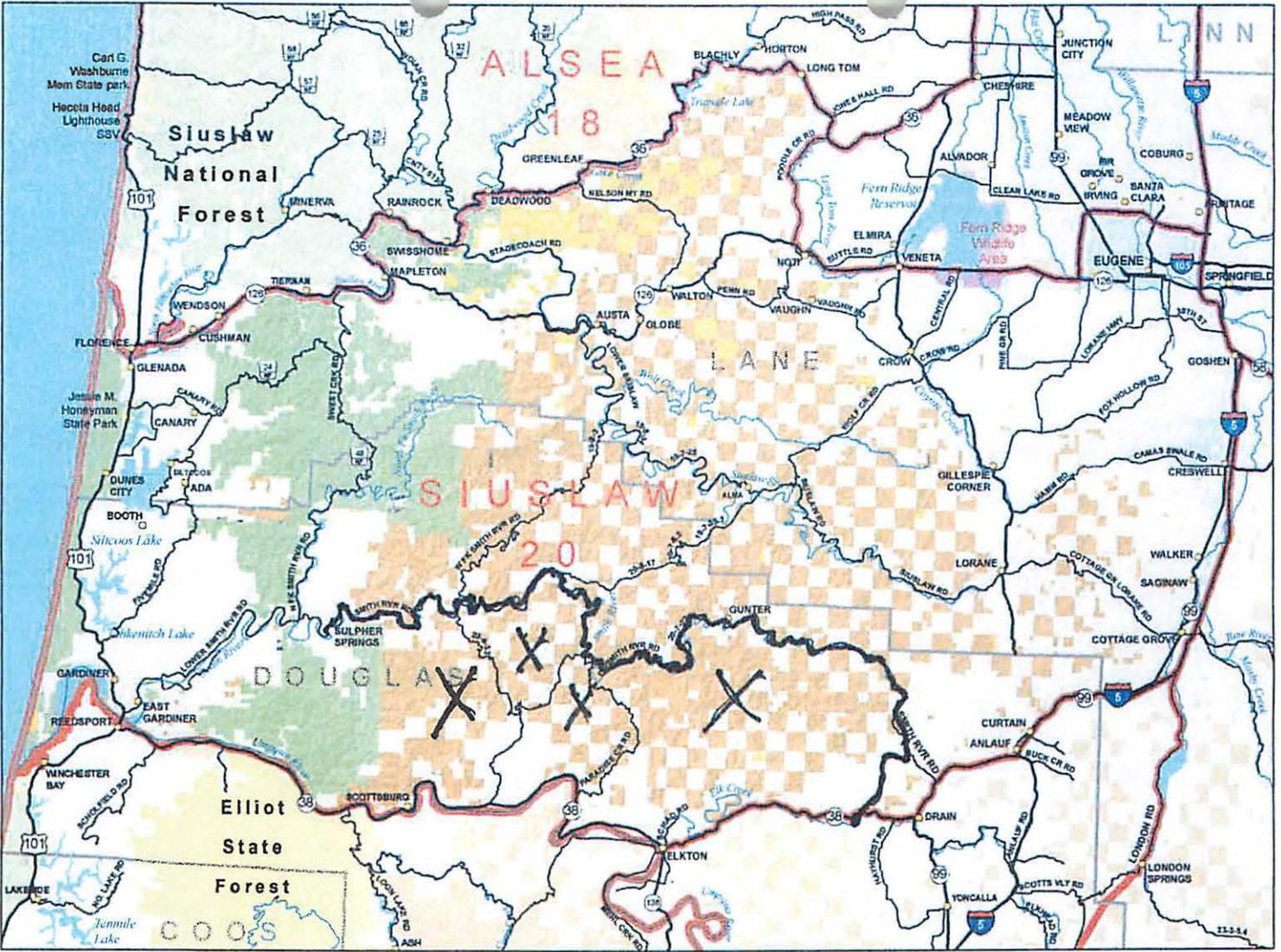
# 110ga Map



The area I will be in most is east of fairview, from middle creek rd to burnt crk. rd back to highway 425

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Siuslaw Unit



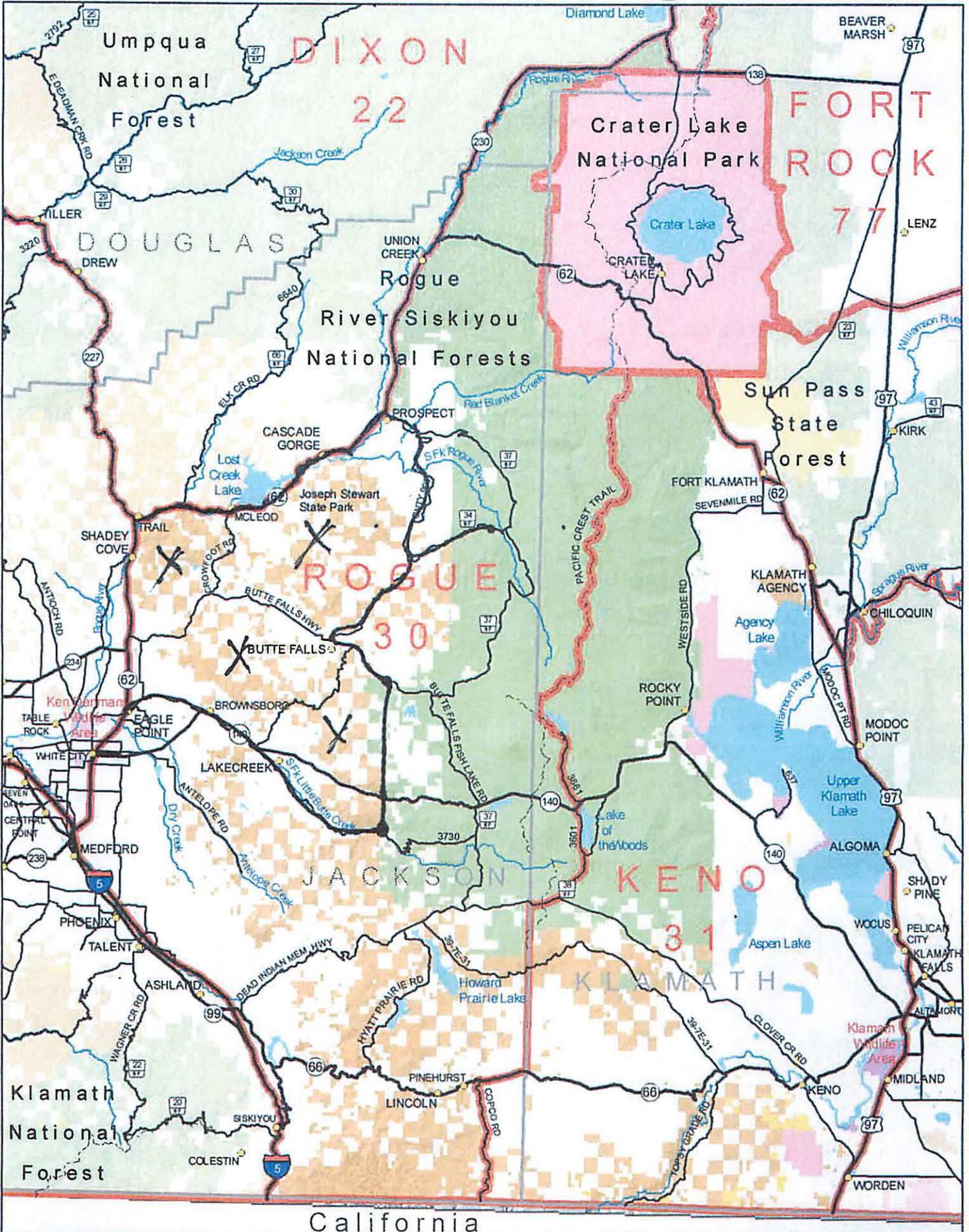
**Legend**

- Cities
- ★ ODFW Headquarters
- ODFW Regional Offices
- Highways
- Major Roads
- ⋯ Trails
- Powerlines
- County Line
- Water Bodies
- Major Streams
- Wildlife Management Units (WMU)
- Wildlife Areas
- Private and Other Lands
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
- National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State Lands
- U.S. Forest Service

In the Siuslaw unit I would like to hunt the Smith river Road for bear.

0 7 14 21 28 Miles

Rogue Unit



California

In october and november I like to deer hunt BLM roads off of the Butte falls highway