

United States  
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Bureau of Land Management  
Eugene District Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: Guidance directs the BLM to manage for and maintain healthy native plant communities across the landscape. BLM has traditionally used a number of non-native seed mixes for soil erosion and a variety of other restoration activities. Many of these non-native species are aggressive competitors with native plants. The continued use of non-native seed mixes for erosion control or other restoration projects is inconsistent with BLM policy. For the past few years the Eugene District has been focusing on the collection of native plant seed for a variety of projects including, but not limited to: wetland restoration, road decommissioning, erosion control, fish enhancement, and competitive exclusion from invasive plant species, etc. It is expected that collection will continue to occur to provide sources of native seed mixtures to fulfill management objectives.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to implement seed collection projects within the Eugene District. The primary objective is to collect sufficient quantities of seed for the above types of projects (but not limited to those listed above). The BLM expects that not all seed would be collected from a given area based on the collection methods utilized, where some seed always escapes collection. The collections would be completed manually and no power equipment would be used. The duration spent at any one site is dependent on the population, however, seed collectors generally move quickly from one site to the next. The seed collections would be completed from June to the end of October 2001 - 2006. The work may be accomplished by BLM personnel, youth crews, purchase orders, or contracts. The collection sites would be on BLM land within all three Resource Areas. These seed stocks would be used for genetic studies, restoration projects and development of roadside erosion control seed mixtures for use on BLM lands. The Proposed Action is consistent with the *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994), and the Eugene District ROD/RMP (June 1995).

Decision: The proposed action described above is approved to be carried out during calendar years 2001 - 2006.

Rationale: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5-C(3)) and does not meet may of the exception criteria. The proposed action and any recommended mitigation measures are in conformance with the Record Of Decision for Amendments To Forest Service and Bureau Of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994) and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (May 1995).

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**Exception Criteria Review Checklist**

Proposed Action: Collect seed from native plants within the Eugene District over the next five years.

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	No
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	No
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	No
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	No
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	No
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	No
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	No <i>Michael D. Southeast</i> District Archeologist

8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	No South Valley Fish Biologist <i>CTV</i> South Valley Wildlife Biologist <i>ABC</i> South Valley Botanist <i>NW</i>  McKenzie Fish Biologist <i>AS 6/25/01</i> <i>Mike Blaw</i> McKenzie Wildlife Biologist <i>Jan 6/25/01</i> McKenzie Botanist <i>CM 6/20/01</i>  Coast Range Fish Biologist <i>Amade 6/21/01</i> Coast Range Wildlife Biologist <i>CE</i> Coast Range Botanist <i>gmp</i>
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	No
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	No
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: N/A		

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Field Area Manager: South Valley *[Signature]*

Date: 6/19/01

Area Manager: Coast Range *[Signature]*

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