

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: The activities described herein includes the removal/control of Invasive Plant Species from a variety of habitats across the Eugene District and seeding, planting or mulching with native species to provide protective competition from further invasive species establishment. These habitats include, but are not limited to, roadsides, young stand plantations, special habitat features, etc. Manual and mechanical methods will include, but not be limited to, the use of hand cutting and pulling using a variety of cutting and pulling tools, grubbing with digging tools, cutting with chainsaws and tractor mounted rotary head cutting/mulching machines and other non-herbicide methods such as hot water/foam equipment and the use of prescribed fire. The purpose of these actions is to eliminate or reduce the progression of these species on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Eugene District.

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is the manual and mechanical removal of invasive weeds from 250 to 5000 acres of land per year for the next five years within the South Valley, Coast Range and McKenzie Resource Areas. The proposed action is neutral or beneficial to the attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives and 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).

Plan Conformance: The proposed action and alternatives 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 (ROD)*, and the *Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, June 1995 (Eugene District ROD/RMP)* as amended by the *Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines, USDA Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management January 2001*. The analysis contained in these EIS's are incorporated into this document by reference.

Decision: The proposed action described above is approved to be carried out during calendar years 2002 through 2006.

Rationale

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5 C.4). The Proposed Action is in conformance with the "Record of Decision for Amendments to the forest Service and Bureau of Land Management planning document within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (April 1994), and the "Eugene Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan" (June 1995).

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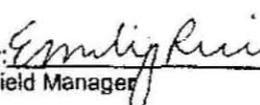
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 Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Manual and Mechanical removal of Invasive Weeds

Review the Proposed Action against each of the ten 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	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplain, etc.)	None Identified
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	None Identified
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	None, not applicable
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None, not applicable
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None Identified
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None Identified
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	** MW CWM CDC DC CTV
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	None applicable
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	None applicable

Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: ** All proposed areas of treatment will be reviewed for specific mitigation. Standard mitigation measures will include (1) No work requiring chainsaws or motorized equipment would be done within a quarter mile

of 80+ year old forest between 3/1 and 7/15 in the Willamette Province and 3/1 to 8/5 in the Coast Range Province. (2) The Coast Range Province also observes daily timing restrictions until 9/15 (no work until 2 hrs after sunrise and work stops at 2 hrs

before sunset). (3) Units will be reviewed with a risk matrix to identify those areas which might be in need of a botanical survey. Appropriate mitigation would occur if sensitive botanical resources were located.

No effect to spring chinook salmon or bull trout will occur as a result of the manual and mechanical removal of invasive weed species and no effect to coho salmon will occur as a result of this action in the Upper Siuslaw subbasin.

Reviewed By: R. J. Col

Date: 12/14/01

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Field Manager: [Signature]

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