

Worksheet

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

(OR090 – 1790A-DNA-06-09)

A. Description of the Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to begin to implement the *10 year West Eugene Wetland (WEW) Schedule Environmental Assessment (EA)* in Eugene, Oregon. The purpose of this project is to maintain, enhance, and expand the amount of high, medium, and low quality habitats located on BLM's prairies found in the wetland's project area. The scheduled of work will be managed under the following five project actions: 1) control woody vegetation encroachment, 2) control invasive species, 3) reduce litter/thatch build up, 4) maintain native plant species diversity, and 5) maintain habitat for western pond turtles. BLM will treat approximately 600 acres in the high, medium, and low habitat categories for 2006. Actions specifically required by the City or County ordinance such as mowing and vegetation abatement would also occur under this project. The planning area is defined as those lands within the WEW Project which are owned by the BLM; other parcels lie outside the City's Urban Growth boundary are also included. All land within the planning area lies in the Long Tom River Basin. Project actions shall be accomplished through the use of a suite of treatment techniques listed in the WEW EA & attached to this document (Table 1). The majority of the treatment techniques will be implemented annually between June and December, 2006. A second table (Table 2) is attached that provides sites specific locations of implement treatments for 2006.

Background

The West Eugene Wetlands (WEW) Project is a cooperative venture by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eugene District, to protect and restore wetland ecosystems in the southern Willamette Valley of Oregon. This unique program involves a partnership of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations to manage lands and resources in an urban area for multiple public benefits. The BLM and the City of Eugene shall work cooperatively to implement this schedule of work under this long term WEW Schedule EA which will begin this year, 2006.

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name* Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP)
June 1995, as amended. Date Approved

Other documents – West Eugene Wetland Plan 1993, 2000, WEW Recreation, Access, and Environmental Education Plan (2001)

The BLM, Eugene District, adopted the WEWP as the land management plan for those BLM lands within the WEW Project on March 23, 1993. This plan was revised, and BLM adopted the revised WEWP (City of Eugene, 2000) on September 17, 2001. For actions within the WEW,

the alternatives are consistent with the adopted plan. For actions within the Long Tom Area ACEC, the alternatives are in conformance with the BLM, Eugene District RMP, ROD (1995) as amended. This EA is in conformance with these planning documents.

Management actions proposed under this WEW Schedule EA would be accomplished in a manner that is consistent with the WEW Recreation, Access, and Environmental Education Plan (2001) which provided an integrated, consistent management approach for both public and partnership land holdings to achieve wetland and prairie restoration goals, while providing an avenue for both increased outdoor education and recreation needs. This recreation, access, and environmental education planning effort included consultation with the City of Eugene and Lane Council of Governments.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

- ***West Eugene Wetland Schedule Environmental Assessment (October, 2005).***

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., source drinking water assessments, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, rangeland health standard's assessment and determinations, and monitoring the report).

- **Biological Opinion and Letter of Concurrence on Effects of Implementation of the Ten-year schedule of Management Activities to Maintain, Enhance and Expand Prairie Habitats within West Eugene Wetlands (Dec. 2005)**

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

Yes - The Proposed Action is part of the proposed actions previously analyzed for the ***West Eugene Wetland Schedule Environmental Assessment (October, 2005)***. This EA analyzed the effects of potential issues summarized in the WEW Schedule EA on page 4 -5.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

Yes – The ***West Eugene Wetland Schedule Environmental Assessment (October, 2005)*** analyzed an appropriate range of alternatives given the purpose and need for the project. Four alternative were analyzed, Alternative A (No action), Alternative B (minimal maintenance), Alternative C (Selected Rare species Habitat Maintenance, Enhancement, and Expansion) and

Alternative D (Habitat type Maintenance, Enhancement, and Expansion). Alternative D was selected to be implemented for the next 10 years.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances.

Yes – These findings are consistent with effects analysis of the previous BLM wetland environmental analysis. Resource conditions have not changed in anyway that would invalidate the 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 – Ongoing research and annual monitoring in the wetlands units and in the Willamette Valley support the proposed action, as an appropriate method for the maintenance, enhancement & expansion of prairie ecosystems similar to those in the proposed project area.

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 sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

Yes – Direct & indirect impacts from the use of treatment techniques listed on page 57 to maintain, enhance and expand prairies would remain the same identified in the WEW Schedule EA. This WEW EA does analysis site specific impacts related to the current proposed action as well as provides “Design features by Resources” see Appendix C for more details in the WEW Schedule EA.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes – The current action is unchanged from those analyzed in the existing WEW Schedule EA document for the project area. No cumulative impacts (beyond those already described in WEW Schedule EA) are anticipated from the implementation of proposed action on the project area. The WEW Schedule EA was completed in Oct. 2005 and BLM is scheduled to begin implementing this EA this field season which is between June and December, 2006.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA? document(s) adequately for the current proposed action?

Yes, Availability of the EA and the project decision was advertised in the Eugene Register Guard, sent to interested persons on our EA mailing lists and consulted with the USFW Service in 2005.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

_____/s/ Steven Calish_____
Signature of the Responsible Official

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Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record

I have reviewed this Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) (OR090-1790A-DNA- 06-09) and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan (Eugene Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, June 1995, as amended) and that no further environmental analysis is required.

On the basis of the information contained in the DNA Worksheet and the existing NEPA document it references, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the proposed action will not have significant environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in the environmental analysis (WEW Schedule EA (EA – 05-03).

The BLM has made the determination that proposed action is required to maintain, enhance, and expand the amount of high, medium, and low quality habitats located on BLM's prairies. This planning effort will provide a long-term (10 year) integrated treatment schedule for BLM lands within the WEW that will contribute to attainment of the following objectives embodied in the larger WEWP (1992):

- Protect and enhance water quality, wildlife habitat, flood storage, sediment and toxicant removal and other wetland functions and values.
- Protect high quality examples of each important type of wetland plant community currently existing in West Eugene: native Willamette prairie grassland, ash forest, cattail marsh, shrub/scrub, and open water.
- Protect and expand current populations and habitat of rare plants and animals that currently exist in West Eugene.
- Protect an interconnected system of wetlands within a sustainable, ecologically-sound system, with a high likelihood of long-term survival.
- Conserve and enhance wetland functions and values through operations, maintenance, and monitoring practices.

Therefore, it is my decision to implement the project, as described, in the DNA Worksheet.

Authorized Official: /s/ Steven Calish
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Date: June 16, 2006