

## **Worksheet**

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

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
(1790A–DNA-06-10 )

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#### **A. Description of the Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action is to continue to work cooperatively with the City of Eugene to implement management actions on BLM wetland parcels with existing and in progress Mitigation Improvement Plans (MIP). These BLM parcels are all located within the West Eugene Wetlands project area in West Eugene, Oregon. The BLM sites that have existing and in progress (MIPs) are Beaver Run, Turtle Swale, Steward Pond, Nielson, Larson, Nolan, & Greenhill (see attached map 1). The goal for these BLM sites with MIPs is to continue to control invasive species and maintain the prairie systems by utilizing different maintenance treatments. The City will treat approximately 60 acres of wetland prairie habitat. The proposed treatments will be implemented during June through December of 2006 and they include fill removal, tilling, mowing, laying down shade cloth or clear plastic, handing weeding, weed whacking, and utilizing other hand tools. Post treatment will involve sowing native seeds and other native propagules.

#### **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 City of Eugene Mitigation Bank is a result of the West Eugene Wetlands Plan, which was locally adopted in 1992 and was Oregon's first wetland conservation plan.

These BLM sites with MIPs (Beaver Run, Turtle Swale, Steward Pond, Nielson, Larson, Nolan, & Greenhill) have all gone through federal Environmental Assessments (EA -95-06, EA-96 -21, 1998, EA – 97-37, EA– 98-26, and US ACOE Amazon Creek Project 1999) where management effects were analyzed. The City Of Eugene anticipates having these BLM sites off line and approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers and Oregon Department of State Lands in the near future.

**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  
June 1995, as amended Date Approved

\*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

\*\*List applicable activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program

**Other plans** - 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. This DNA is in conformance with these planning documents.

**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.

- EA -96-21 West Greenhill Wetland Prairie Restoration
- EA-97-37 North Greenhill Wetland Prairie restoration
- EA -95-06 WEW Project Stewart – Bertelsen Management Unit
- EA– 98-26 West Danebo Wetland Restoration
- US ACOE Amazon Creek Project 1999

**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 Assessment (2004) – Treatments to Enhance Rare Plant Populations at West Greenhill & Long Tom Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the West Eugene Wetlands.
- Biological Assessment (2002) - Management Activities to Protect and Enhance Three Listed Species at Balboa, Oxbow West, Fir Butte, and Coble sites in the West Eugene Wetlands.

**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 to control invasive species and maintain the prairie systems by implementing the treatments that follow: fill removal, tilling, mowing, laying down shade cloth or clear plastic, handing weeding, weed whacking, planting native propagules, is the same actions previously analyzed in Environment Assessments as mention above in section C. These EAs analyzed the effects of the treatments that will be implemented for the same project area. Resources within the project area are the same to those in the areas covered by the existing EAs.

**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 five list Environment Assessments all had at least two or more alternatives that were

analyzed. These maintenance treatments (fill removal, tilling, mowing, laying down shade cloth or clear plastic, handing weeding, weed whacking, planting native propagules) all have been analyzed.

**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 in previous environmental assessments. Resource conditions have not changed in any way that would invalidate the five analyses and the conclusions.

**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 studies and monitoring data in the wetlands parcels and in the Willamette Valley support the need to continue to maintain and disturb prairie systems. This project area is similar to those in the Environmental Assessments (list above in section C), and the methods used continue to be adequate and a priority for this current proposed project.

**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 continued use of the proposed treatments (fill removal, tilling, mowing, laying down shade cloth or clear plastic, handing weeding, weed whacking, planting native propagules) to maintain & control invasives would remain the same. The treatments would occur within the same location as the previous analyzed in the five EA Environmental Assessments (list above in section C).

**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 proposed action is similar, and unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents. No cumulative impacts are anticipated from the implementation of the proposed action beyond those already described in Environmental Assessments (list above in section C).

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



### **Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record**

I have reviewed this Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) (OR090-1790A-DNA- 06-10) 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 documents 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 (EA -95-06, EA-96 -21, EA – 97-37, EA– 98-26, and US ACOE Amazon Creek Project 1999).

The BLM has made the determination that continued use of the treatments (fill removal, tilling, mowing, laying down shade cloth or clear plastic, handing weeding, weed whacking, planting native propagules) is required to help control invasive plants as well as maintain the prairie systems in the West Eugene wetlands. Therefore, it is my decision to implement the project, as described, in the DNA Worksheet.

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Date:                   June 16, 2006