

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

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2012-0003-EA  
Carpenter Bypass Mountain Bike Trail EA

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-OR-E060-2012-0003-EA) which analyzed the effects of the proposed action and alternatives. On the basis of the information contained in the EA, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that the implementation of the proposed action would not have significant environmental effects. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared. This finding is based on my consideration of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) criteria for significance (40 CFR 1508.27), both with regard to the context and to the intensity of the impacts described in the EA.

**CONTEXT**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2012-0003-EA) for the proposed management of the Carpenter Bypass Mountain Bike Trail System located in T 20 S., R. 5 W., Sec. 23, 27, and 35. A no action alternative and the proposed action alternative to assess the impacts from mountain bike use and trail improvements have been analyzed.

**INTENSITY**

I have considered the potential intensity of the impacts that would result from the proposed action relative to each of the ten areas suggested for consideration by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), as detailed below:

- 1. Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.** No potential adverse impacts are anticipated from the proposed actions analyzed in the project. Predicted beneficial effects include resource protection and stabilization, retention of the scenic values, and enhanced recreational opportunities.
- 2. The degree to which the proposed action affects public health and safety.** No aspect of the Proposed Action would have an effect on public health and safety. The proposed action is expected to provide safer conditions for non-motorized trail users.
- 3. Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity of historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.** The proposed action will not adversely affect the resource values of the area.
- 4. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.** No anticipated effects have been identified that are scientifically controversial. A disclosure of the predicted effects of the proposed action is contained in the environmental assessment.
- 5. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.** The proposed action is not unique or unusual and does not show that the action would involve any unique or unknown risks. The BLM has experience implementing similar actions in similar areas and have found effects to be reasonably predictable.
- 6. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.** The proposed action does not set a precedent for future actions that may have significant effects, nor does it represent a decision in principle about a future consideration. The proposed action will stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation of natural resources; minimize threats to life or

property; and repair, replace, or construct physical improvements necessary to prevent degradation of land and resources.

7. **Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.** The interdisciplinary team evaluated the proposed action in context of past, present and reasonably foreseeable actions. Significant cumulative effects are not predicted. A complete disclosure of the effects of the selected alternative is contained in the environmental assessment.
8. **The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historic resources.** The proposed action activities will not adversely affect cultural or historical resources.
9. **The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.** The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM specialists and the analysis has determined that the proposed action would have no adverse effects on any endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat.
10. **Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.** The proposed action does not violate any known Federal, State, or local law requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/ Charles L. Fairchild  
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Eugene District Office

07/26/2013  
Date:

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**DECISION RECORD**  
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**DECISION**

It is my decision to select alternative 2. Under this alternative the Carpenter Bypass Mountain Bike Trail System would undergo improvements and trail maintenance which would help reduce conditions that are detrimental to trail use. Trail closures, trail re-routing, road to trail conversions and surface hardening to reduce erosion will improve the experience for the user and also protect resources from damage. Where there is potential for sediment delivery at stream crossings, improvements including hardening of stream crossing ingress and egresses and re-routing of trail segments, would occur. The provision of signage would help users remain on the chosen trail system and reduce the use of alternative routes as would trail designations to one-way routes to reduce user conflicts and resource damage. The construction of the parking area and vault toilets would improve safety and promote hygiene. Safety information about trail segments that utilize roads open to motorized traffic and maps of the overall trail network would be available at trail heads and at a kiosk in the parking area which would improve safety and improve the overall recreation experience of all users. It also my decision not to construct 10 miles of new trails for expansion of the Carpenter Bypass Mountain Bike Trail System, at this time. Additional analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) would be undertaken if such a proposal were to be considered.

**PLAN CONFORMANCE**

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

**RATIONALE FOR SELECTION**

The action alternative meets the purpose and need for the project. For any action alternative to be given serious consideration as a reasonable alternative, it must meet the objectives provided in the Eugene District RMP (ROD/RMP, 1995) for implementing projects within the planning area. The RMP and applicable statutes specify the following objectives in managing lands within the project area: "Continue to provide non-motorized recreation opportunities and create additional opportunities where consistent with other management objectives (p. 81)."

**CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

The project has completed section 7 Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and a Letter of Concurrence was issued. The project is considered "no effect" to ESA listed coho salmon therefore consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service is not required.

**SURVEY AND MANAGE**

The proposed action does not modify habitat or disturb ground vegetation or forested structure at levels that could impact any survey and manage species; no timber harvest or large removal of understory vegetation is proposed.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Construction of the parking lot and restrooms will be anticipated for completion in 2013.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an

appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

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