

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

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

DOI-BLM-OR-E060-201-0001-EA
Dollar Quarry Expansion

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-OR-E060-2014-0001-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 action alternatives would occur in the Matrix Land Use Allocation (LUA) as designated by the 1995 Eugene District Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP anticipated that forest management and their associated activities would occur in the Matrix LUA. The action alternative is in compliance with the 1995 Eugene RMP, as amended.

Under the action alternatives, operations would be designed to meet the purposes and needs. Purposes of the actions include providing local high quality crushed rock for road management and sediment abatement. This is needed to manage the road system to serve resource management needs (1995 ROD/RMP, p. 98)

No known sites for Endangered, Threatened, BLM Sensitive, or Survey and Manage species would be affected by the Proposed Action because none are known or suspected to be present in the area.

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.

The environmental analysis considered both potential beneficial and adverse effects especially for relevant resources such as wildlife. None of the effects are beyond the range of effects analyzed in the Eugene District "Final Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement" (November 1994), to which this EA is tiered.

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.

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.

There are no known parks, prime farmlands, wilderness or wild and scenic rivers in the project area. The proposed project is not expected to affect cultural resources as no cultural resources are known in the project area. If cultural resources are found in pre-project surveys, they would be assessed for significance. If necessary, the project would be redesigned to protect the values present.

4. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.

The effects of actions planned under the proposed action are similar to many forest management projects implemented within the scope of the 1995 Eugene RMP. No unique or appreciable scientific controversy has been identified regarding the effects of the proposed action.

5. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.

The analysis has not shown that there would be any unique or unknown risks to the human environment not previously considered and analyzed in 1994 EIS, to which this decision is tiered. Thinning and density management treatments have been conducted for many years in the vegetation types typical of the project area.

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.

This project neither establishes a precedent nor represents a decision in principle about future actions. The proposed action is consistent with actions appropriate for the Matrix land use allocation, as designated by the 1995 Eugene ROD/RMP.

7. Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.

The environmental analysis did not reveal any cumulative effects beyond those already in the EIS.

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.

There are no features within the planning area that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or are significant scientific, cultural, or historic 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.

There are no Threatened or Endangered species or their habitat within the project area. Therefore, the proposed action was determined to have "No Effect" on ESA-listed species or their 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 threaten to violate any law. The proposed action is in compliance with the 1995 Eugene RMP, which provide direction for the protection of the environment on public lands.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/ William O'Sullivan
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September 9, 2014
Date: