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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background

The West Eugene Wetlands Plan and related documents (City of Eugene 1992), formally adopted by the Bureau in March 1993, outlines protection and restoration activities for the West Eugene Wetlands Project Area. The purpose of this activity is to control blackberries, a non-native noxious plant, to facilitate native plant restoration on the site. This action is needed before additional control measures such as mowing, burning, or manual removal can be implemented.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to implement a program to mechanically remove blackberries on approximately 5 acres, within the West Eugene Wetlands Project Area. This project will be accomplished by using a bulldozer to sever and pile above ground portion of the plants. Piled material will be removed from the site.

Decision

The Proposed Action described above is approved to be carried out in August/September 1994.

Rationale

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5-C-4) and does not meet any of the exception criteria.

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 Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Control of Non-native Vegetation (Blackberries) - West Eugene Wetlands

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
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None
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.	None
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
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: NONE		

Reviewed By: Don Wilson

Date: 8/30/94

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Area Manager: [Signature]

Date: 8/30/94