

**RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

Project Name: Hamaker Communication Site Fence Repair CX Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2010-0016
Project Location: Hamaker Mtn. Lease or Serial #: N/A
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area County: Klamath County, Oregon

A. Background

Description of Proposed Action:

Repair the existing chain-link fence presently surrounding a series of communication sites on Hamaker Mtn. The fence is down in a number of places and access to the communication sites is not secure. The damage appears to have occurred from severe winter weather and snow. The location of the fence will not change.

Repair work will consist of;

- Removing the existing chain-link portions and replacing with new fencing.
- Replacing the existing posts if they are not reusable. In some cases, new posts may be needed, and new postholes may need to be dug. The holes would be dug in line with the present fence.
- Approximately 1,130 feet of fence will be repaired.

Purpose and Need for the Project:

The existing fence does not provide any security to the existing site. It is down in a number of places. The purpose of the proposed action is to repair the existing fence to provide a more secure site.

Additional Related Actions, if any:

The Hamaker Communication Site managed by the BLM is one of the most used sites in Oregon. It is used by county, state, private, federal, railroad, and power companies. It is important to maintain and secure existing facilities because the area is also popular for recreation.

Proposed Implementation:

The fencing project will be funded using Secure Rural School Act dollars. It is anticipated that the work would be done in the summer of 2010.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

This project was designed to comply with the land use allocations, management direction, and objectives of the 1995 Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (1995 RMP) page 66 "Rights-of-Way".

The proposed project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans, programmatic environmental analyses or policies:

- Vegetation Treatment on BLM Lands in Thirteen Western States FEIS and ROD (1991)
- Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program FEIS and ROD (1985) and Supplement (1987)
- Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) 1993
- Lakeview District Fire Management Plan – Phase 1 (1998)
- National Fire Plan (A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy) (2001)
- Wildland and Prescribed Fire Management Policy (1998)

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, Section 1.7 – *Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity...*

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provided none of the Extraordinary Circumstances listed in 516 Departmental Manual 2, Appendix 2 (5/27/04) are met.

CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation		
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: Proposed action should not have any impact on public health or safety. By repairing the site, safety and security of site will be improved.		
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
Rationale: None of these resources will be impacted.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: The proposed project is not controversial and no public conflicts are foreseen.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: Environmental impacts are minimal to none. Some posts may need to be relocated, but most existing posts appear usable. The foot print of existing fence will not be modified.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: No precedent is being set. Routine maintenance and repair.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: No cumulatively significant effects are expected.		
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
Rationale: No listed or eligible properties would be effected.		
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
Rationale: No impact to special status species or habitat is expected.		
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: No laws would be violated.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: No adverse effect on low income or minority populations would occur.		
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
Rationale: No access limitations or adverse impact to these values would occur.		
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X
Rationale: Mitigation measures to curb the introduction or spread of noxious weeds will be implemented.		

The proposed action would not meet any of the above extraordinary circumstances, or fail to comply with Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects) – to avoid direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution.

D. Surveys and Consultation

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary (appropriate fields are Initialed and Dated by responsible resource specialist):

Surveys	Are Completed	Will Be Completed	Are Not Needed
SS Animals			SGH 05/18/10
SS Plants			MJB 5/3/10
Cultural Resources			BMB 5/18/10
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			SGH 05/18/10
Botanical Consultation			MJB 5/3/10
Cultural Consultation			BMB 5/18/10
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

E. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

Deb Boudreau, Klamath Falls Resource Area, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Building 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603-7891 or telephone: 541-883-6916

F. Weed Mitigation Measures

All vehicles and equipment will be cleaned off prior to operating on BLM lands. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

High concentrations of noxious weeds in the immediate area of mechanical operations shall be mowed to ground level prior to the start of project activities.

All equipment and vehicles operating off of main roads shall be cleaned off prior to leaving the job site when the job site includes noxious weed populations. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

G. Wildlife Stipulations

Raptor Nests

Implement seasonal restrictions and nest site protection for active/occupied raptor nests from human caused disturbance during the critical nesting period. These seasonal restrictions would vary by species.

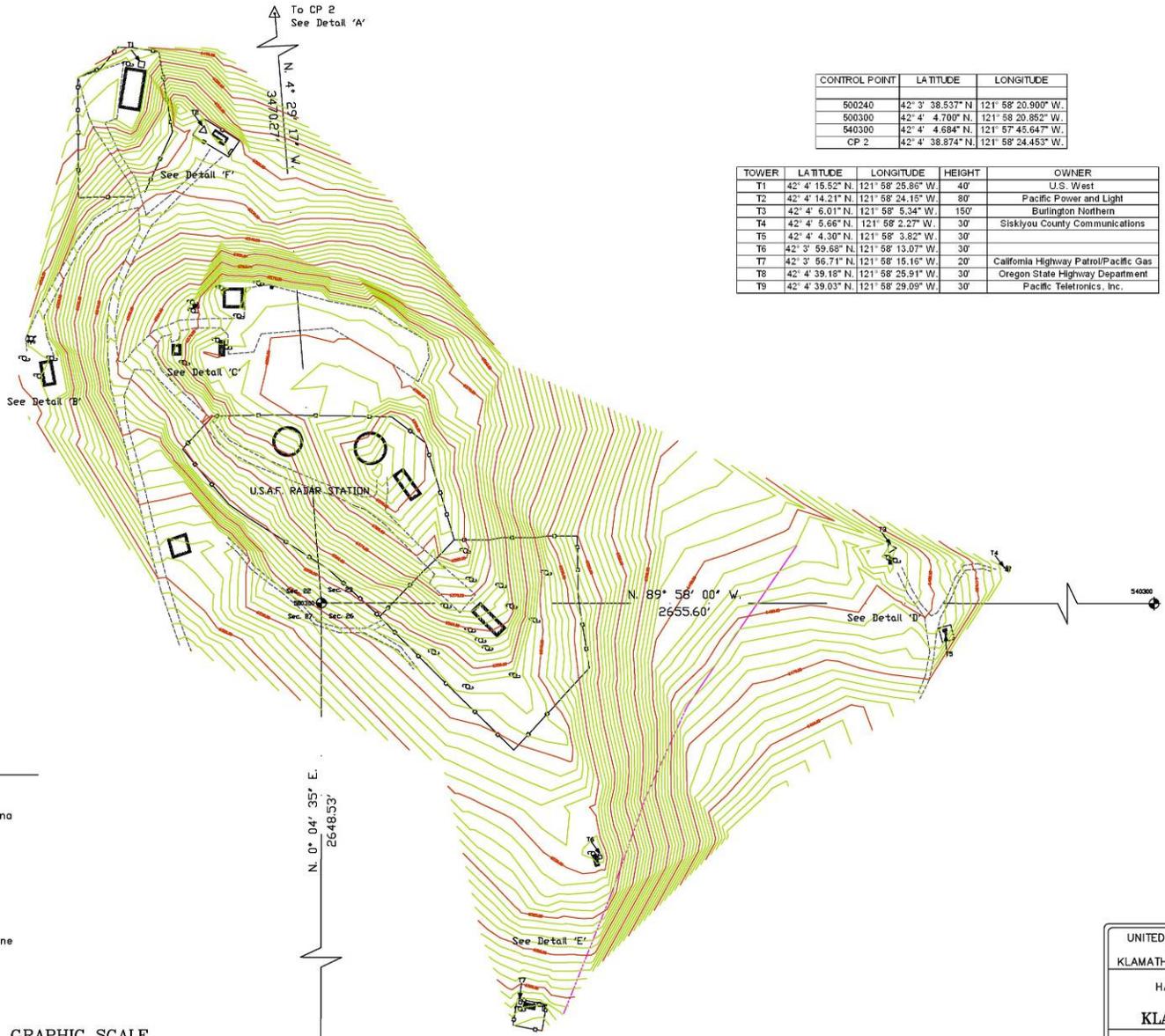
For Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles use the Fish and Wildlife Service Bald Eagle Management guidelines. Seasonal Restriction period would occur from Jan 1- August 31. These guidelines can be found at the following web site;

<http://www.fws.gov/pacific/eagle/NationalBaldEagleManagementGuidelines.pdf>

For all other raptors use the latest information of the critical nesting period for the raptor species and implement seasonal restrictions from human caused disturbance that may result in nest failure or abandonment.

Hamaker Communication Site Fence

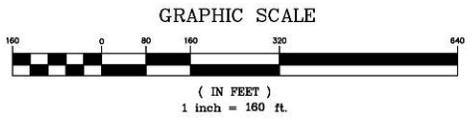




CONTROL POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
500240	42° 3' 38.537" N	121° 58' 20.900" W
500300	42° 4' 4.700" N	121° 58' 20.852" W
540300	42° 4' 4.884" N	121° 57' 45.647" W
CP 2	42° 4' 38.874" N	121° 58' 24.453" W

TOWER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	HEIGHT	OWNER
T1	42° 4' 15.52" N	121° 58' 25.86" W	40'	U.S. West
T2	42° 4' 14.21" N	121° 58' 24.15" W	80'	Pacific Power and Light
T3	42° 4' 6.01" N	121° 58' 5.34" W	150'	Burlington Northern
T4	42° 4' 5.66" N	121° 58' 2.27" W	30'	Siskiyou County Communications
T5	42° 4' 4.30" N	121° 58' 3.82" W	30'	
T6	42° 3' 59.68" N	121° 58' 13.07" W	30'	
T7	42° 3' 56.71" N	121° 58' 15.16" W	20'	California Highway Patrol/Pacific Gas
T8	42° 4' 39.18" N	121° 58' 25.91" W	30'	Oregon State Highway Department
T9	42° 4' 39.03" N	121° 58' 29.09" W	30'	Pacific Teletronics, Inc.

- Legend**
- ▲ Control Point
 - ⊕ Wood Pole Antenna
 - ⊙ PLSS Corner
 - ⊕ Hydrant
 - ▨ Buildings
 - Propane Tank
 - Overhead Power line
 - Fences



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 KLAMATH FALLS FIELD OFFICE OREGON

HAMAKER MTN. COMMUNICATION SITE
 T. 40 S., R. 7 E.
 KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON

DESIGNED _____
 REVIEWED _____
 APPROVED _____

DRAWN: AARON_DRAHAM SCALE: 1"=150'
 DATE: 7/17/2007 SHEET 1 OF 3
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Decision for Hamaker Communication Site Fence Repair
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It is my decision to proceed with the repair of the Hamaker Communication Site fence as described in the Categorical Exclusion (CX) and shown on the attached pictures and map.

Rationale

The proposed action has been reviewed by the Klamath Falls Resource Area staff and appropriate Project Design Features, as specified, will be incorporated into the proposal. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects, meet any of the above extraordinary circumstances, or fail to comply with Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects) – to avoid direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution.

Based on the attached NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Categorical Exclusion Determination, I have determined the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further environmental analysis is required.

Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ DK Hoffheins Date: 6/3/10
(Signature)

(for) Donald J. Holmstrom
Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area

Administrative Remedy

Notice of the decision made on the action described in this categorical exclusion will be posted on the District internet website. The action is subject to protest under 43 CFR section 4.450-2. A decision in response to a protest is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals under 43 CFR part 4.