

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

Project Name: Willow Valley and Bear Valley Allotments Grazing Permit transfer

CX Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2011-0013

Project Location: T38 & 39S, R14E Multiple Sections (map attached) Lease or Serial #: N/A

BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area County: Klamath County, Oregon

A. Background

Description of Proposed Action:

The proposed action is the transfer of the Section 3 livestock grazing permits for the Willow Valley and Bear Valley Allotments, #00890 and #00876. The base property for a portion of the authorized preference on the Willow Valley allotment and all of the authorized preference on the Bear Valley Allotment has recently been purchased [REDACTED]. The grazing permit will be transferred [REDACTED] in accordance with 43 CFR §4110.2-3.

The transferred grazing permits will have the same parameters as the current permits, 744 AUMs from April 15 to June 30 for the Willow Valley Allotment and 385 AUMs from July 1 to August 9 for the Bear Valley Allotment. The term of the permit will be 4/15/2011 to 4/14/2018 to correspond with a previous document, DNA #07-11, which covered the renewal of the grazing permit through 4/14/2018.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

On July 16, 2009 the U.S. Department of the Interior, withdrew the Records of Decision (2008 ROD) for the Western Oregon Plan Revision and directed the BLM to implement actions in conformance with the resource management plans for western Oregon that were in place prior to December 30, 2008.

Although project planning and preparation of NEPA documentation for this project began after the effective date of the 2008 ROD, this project was designed to comply with the land use allocations, management direction, and objectives of the 1995 resource management plan (1995 RMP).

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:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995. Refer to: page H-56 of Appendix H; page 62, Grazing Management, Objectives; and page 62, Grazing Management, Land Use Allocations.
- Rangeland Reform '94 FEIS and ROD (1995)
- Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management for Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the States of Oregon and Washington (1997)
- Standards for Land Health for Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the States of Oregon and Washington (1998)
- National Sage-Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy (2004)
- Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Strategy and Assessment for Oregon, Draft (2005)
- 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

C. Compliance with NEPA

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusions in 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 5, D(1) – *Approval of transfers of grazing preference.*

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. The proposed action will:

CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation		
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: The action will have no effect on public health or safety.		
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 affected.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: This is a routine administrative action.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: This is a routine administrative action.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This is a routine administrative action.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This is a routine administrative action.		
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: This is a routine administrative action and any improvements will have individual Section 106 reviews.		
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: This is a routine administrative action.		
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: This is a routine administrative action.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: Not an issue for this action.		
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: Not an issue for this action.		
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: Not an issue for this action.		

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):

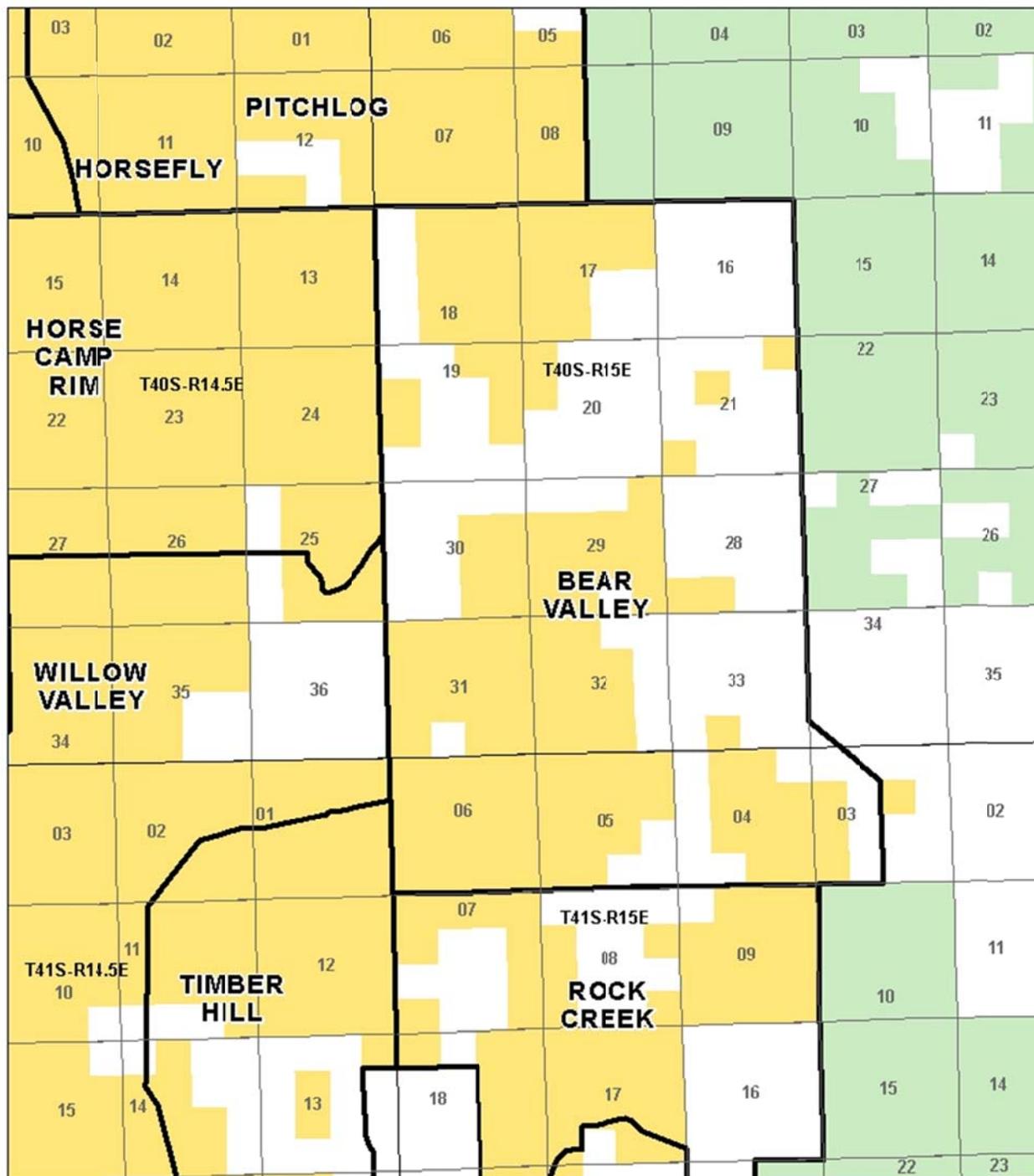
Surveys	Are Completed	Will Be Completed	Are Not Needed
SS Animals			SGH 01/21/11
SS Plants			DLE 1/27/11
Cultural Resources			BMB 2/3/11
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			SGH 0/21/11
Botanical Consultation			DLE 1/27/11
Cultural Consultation			BMB 2/3/11
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

E. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

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Bear Valley Allotment

Legend

- Allotment
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Redamation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State
- Private/Unknown



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