

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

Project Name: Buck Lake Allotment (#00104) Grazing Lease Transfer

CX Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2014-08-CX

Project Location: W.M. T38S, R05E Sec. 15,17,18,19,20,21,23,24,25,26,27,28,
29,30,31,33,34,35,36 and T38S, R06E Sec. 19 and 30 (map attached)

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 15 livestock grazing lease for the Buck Lake Allotment (#00104). The grazing preference is being transferred to the new lessee of the base property, John and Brad Luscombe. The owner of the base property is Scott Johnston. The grazing lease will be transferred to the Luscombes in accordance with 43 CFR §4110.2-3.

The transferred grazing lease will have the same parameters as the current lease, as follows:

<u>ALLOTMENT</u>	<u>LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>GRAZING PERIOD</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
Buck Lake (#00104)	30 cattle	July 1 – October 15	105

Another existing BLM grazing lease authorization, #3600097, for the Buck Lake Allotment, will remain the same and is not affected by this transfer.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: June 1995

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-8 of Appendix H; page 62, Grazing Management, Objectives; page 62, Grazing Management, Land Use Allocations; and page 62-63, Grazing Management, Management Actions/Direction.
- Standards for Land Health for Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the States of Oregon and Washington (1998)

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.

CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation		
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety. Rationale: No significant impacts to public health or safety were identified for this administrative action.		X
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. Rationale: Review by resource specialists resulted in no known ecologically significant or critical areas as described above.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. Rationale: The action would transfer a grazing lease which has had no highly controversial impacts or unresolved conflicts concerning the use of the resources on the grazing allotment		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. Rationale: The lease transfer will allow livestock grazing to continue on the allotment. Livestock grazing has been fully analyzed in previous planning documents and the environmental effects are known.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. Rationale: The transfer of the grazing lease is a routine administrative action with known effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. Rationale: The grazing lease transfer is a routine administrative action and has no direct relationship to other actions.		X
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. Rationale: This is a routine administrative action. This type of action is exempt from review under Appendix B and Appendix E (Range #1) of the 1998 OR BLM – OR SHPO Protocol.		X
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. Rationale: Resource specialists have determined that no listed or proposed listed species or habitat exists on or near the grazing allotment connected to the transferring lease.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Rationale: No laws will be violated by the transfer of the grazing lease or the authorized livestock grazing.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). Rationale: The transfer of the grazing lease will not impact these populations.		X
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). Rationale: The transfer of the grazing lease will not impact any sacred sites.		X
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). Rationale: The grazing lease transfer is an administrative action that will not result in these adverse impacts.		X

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, or impact RMP exclusion and avoidance areas.

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 02/10/14
SS Plants*			JLB 2/7/14
Cultural Resources			SAH 2/7/2014
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			SGH 02/10/14
Botanical Consultation			JLB 2/7/14
Cultural Consultation			SAH 2/7/2014
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

E. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

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Rationale

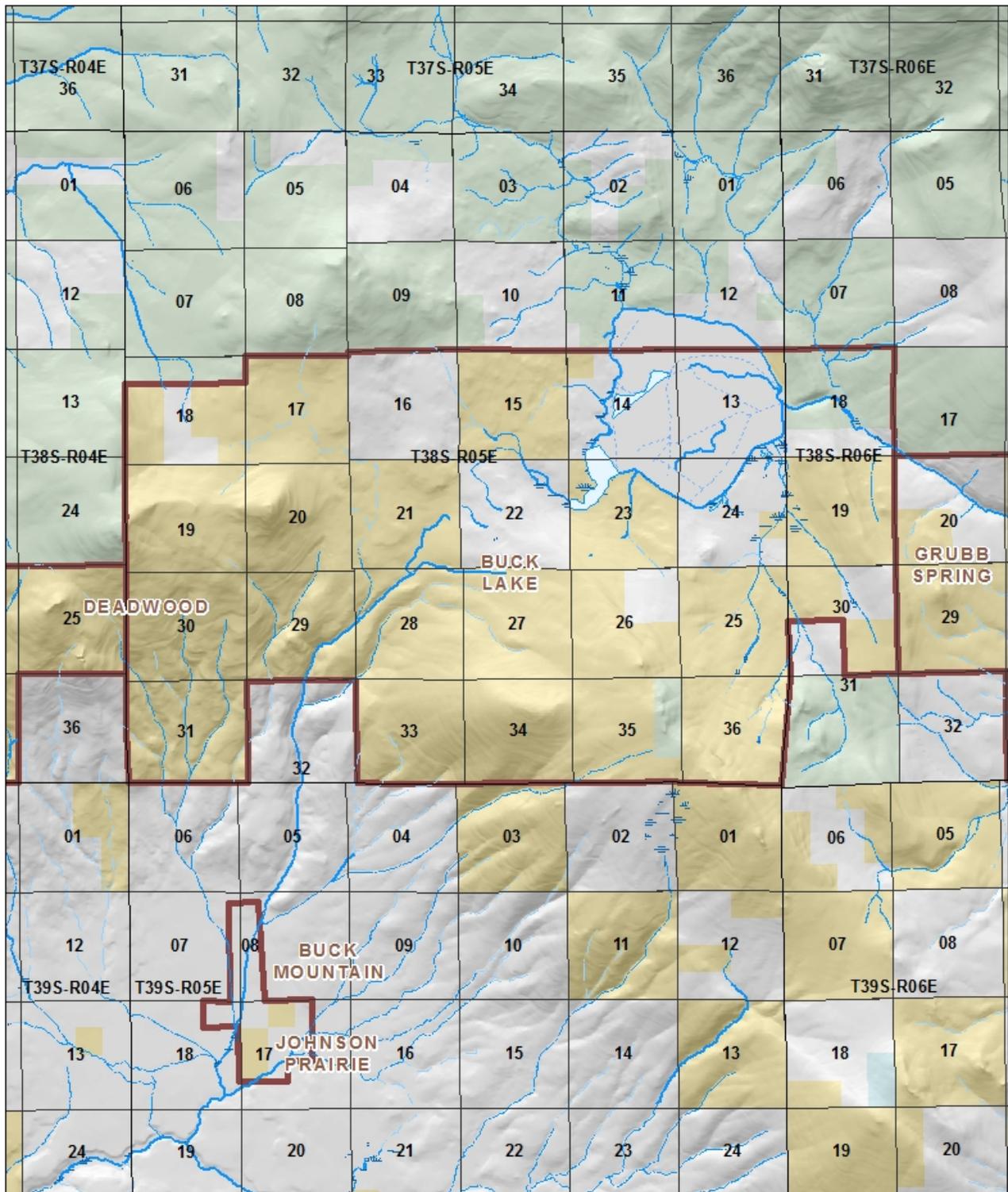
The proposed action has been reviewed by the Klamath Falls Resource Area staff. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects, meet any of the above extraordinary circumstances, or fail to comply with Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects) – to avoid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

Based on the attached NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Categorical Exclusion Review, 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/ Donald J. Holmstrom _____ Date: 2/27/2014 _____
 (Signature)

Name: Donald J. Holmstrom
 Title: Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area



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