

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

BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

Lease or Serial #: N/A

Proposed Action Title/Type: **Road Information Sign Installation**

NEPA Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2012-007

Project Location: Resource Area wide

A. Background

Description of Proposed Action

Install road side information signs at intersections and other sections of road to replace old signs or install new signs to provide the public information regarding road hazards and destinations. (Refer to Figure 1 for general sign placement locations. Detailed location maps are in the Klamath Falls Resource Area files.)

Purpose and Need for the Project

The purpose of the proposed action is to replace and install road side information, directional, identification, and warning signs to meet the needs for providing the public navigation information for recreation destinations and road hazards and warnings to comply with BLM sign manual guidance.

Proposed Implementation

Installation and/or replacement of road information signs is proposed for completion in 2012.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Klamath Falls Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: June 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s), (objectives, terms, and conditions): In Appendix D, the Roads Section, Part C. Design, Practices, 1 – “*Base road design standards and design criteria on Transportation Management Objectives, such as traffic requirements of the proposed activity, the overall Resource Area transportation plan, economic considerations, safety requirements, resource objectives, and the need to minimize damage to the environment.*” (ROD, pg. D-14.)

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 11.9, G. Transportation 2. “*Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on or adjacent to roads and trails identified in any land use or transportation plan, or eligible for incorporation in such plan.*”

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply. The following documentation describes whether or not the extraordinary circumstances apply to the project:

CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation		
Will the proposed categorical exclusion action:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: The signs to be installed are informational or directional in nature and are intended to promote public 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 the above mentioned resources or unique geographic 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 action and will not create highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: This is a routine action and there will be no unique or uncertain risks.		
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 action that will not establish a precedent.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This action will not create cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
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: Signs located on BLM lands have approx. 80% previous survey coverage. This type of project is considered to have no potential to impact sites under 36C.F.R.800.3(a) and (a)(1). Three sign locations were noted adjacent to sites and installation will be coordinated with the Archaeologist to ensure site avoidance.		
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: The action would have no effect on proposed/listed species or designated habitat.		
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 will be violated.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: This action will not have a disproportionate adverse effect on any segment of the population.		
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: Access to area considered by tribes and tribal individuals will not be affected by this project.		
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: Installation of signs will have an extremely small footprint and will be contained within the previously disturbed road prism. Mitigating measures to avoid the spread of weeds/invasive species will be implemented. There should be no effect on noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.		

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.

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			--
SS* Plants			JLF
Cultural Resources			BMB
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS* Animal Consultation			--
Botanical Consultation			JLF
Cultural Consultation			BMB
*(SS = Special Status)			

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

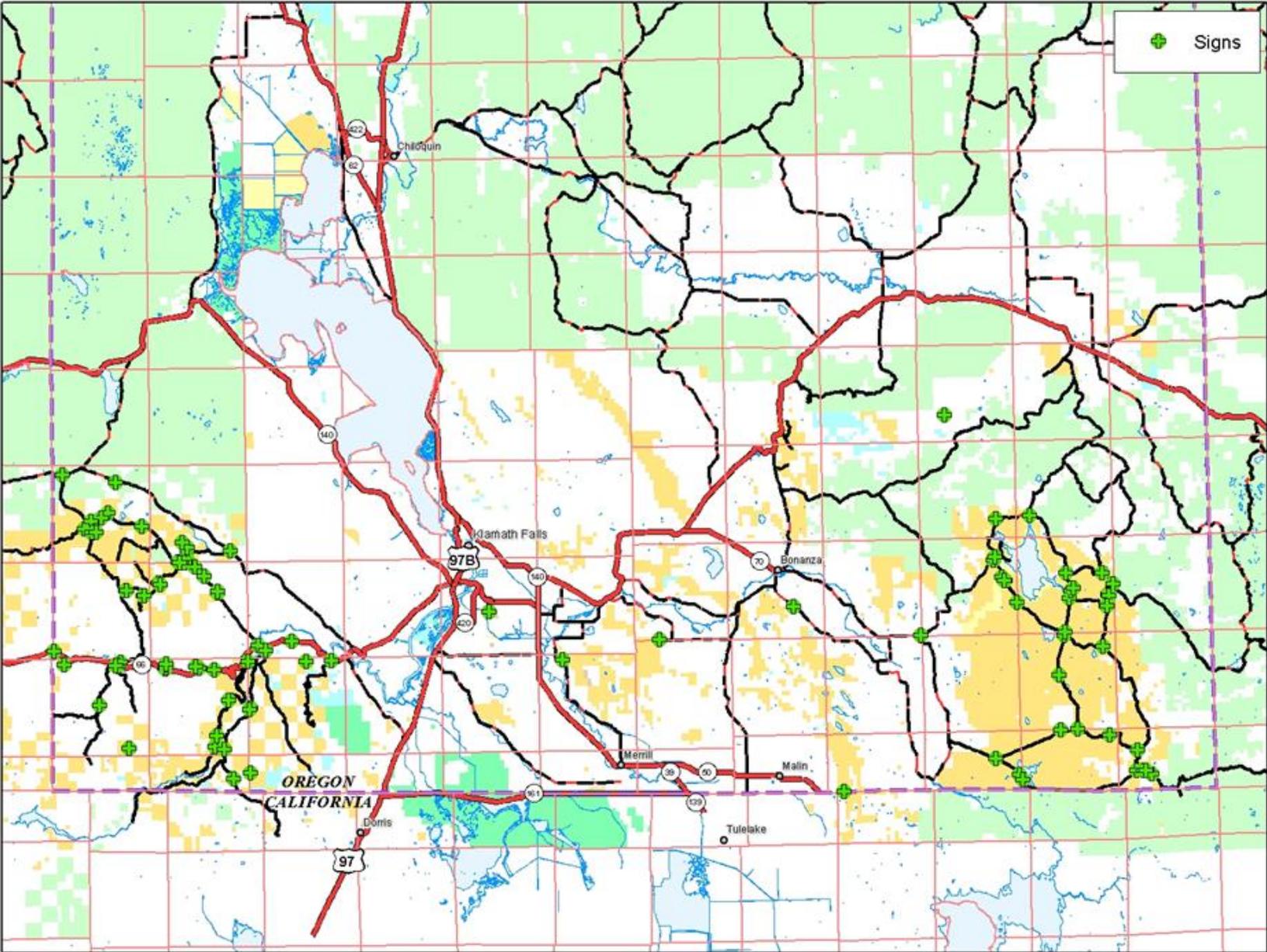
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Weed Mitigation Measures

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.

Figure 1: Map Showing General Sign Placement Locations



Determination for Road Information Sign Installation

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I have determined that it is appropriate to proceed with the Proposed Action as described and shown in the Road Information Sign Installation categorical exclusion.

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 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: Donald J. Holmstrom Date: April 10, 2012
(Signature)

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