

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Klamath Falls Resource Area

**DECISION RECORD  
FOR  
DOUBLE J FIRE RESTORATION & REHABILITATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
#DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2014-06-EA**

**DECISION**

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Double J Fire Restoration & Rehabilitation. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been completed for the EA. Treatments consist of herbicide application and seeding with native grass and brush species on 130 acres of BLM-managed land in the Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA).

**CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

**Public Scoping and Review**

The KFRA requested public input on treatments proposed for Double J Fire restoration in a scoping letter mailed to interested parties on February 5, 2014. Two scoping comment letters were received. BLM response letters were mailed to the commenters, Oregon Wild and Western Watersheds Project, along with the EA and draft FONSI on March 24, 2014. The EA and draft FONSI were also mailed to six other interested parties and were made available for public review on the BLM website. No EA comments were received.

**Endangered Species Act Consultation**

There are no threatened or endangered listed, proposed, candidate species or designated critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that occur within the project area or that would be affected from project activities, so no ESA Section 7 Consultation was required.

**Cultural Resources Consultation**

Tribal consultation has occurred and is on-going with The Klamath Tribes. No objections have arisen.

**DECISION RATIONALE**

My decision to implement the Double J Fire treatments meets the Purpose and Need identified in the EA, and furthers the intent established in the Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP as follows:

- contain and/or reduce noxious weed infestations on BLM-administered land using an integrated plant management approach
- avoid introducing or spreading noxious weed infestations in any areas
- enhance and maintain biological diversity and ecosystem health in order to contribute to healthy wildlife populations.

In addition, these treatments promote Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Interagency Guidance and BLM policy, to provide for emergency stabilization and rehabilitation where fire has an adverse impact on vegetation, soils, and watersheds and also to minimize other adverse changes.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

No significant impacts were identified. There would be no impacts beyond those anticipated in the KFRA RMP/EIS. Refer to the accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the information in the EA and project record, I conclude that this Decision is consistent with the Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP. The actions will help to move this portion of the landscape towards the desired future condition considered in development of the 1995 RMP. The treatments will comply with the Endangered Species Act, the Native American Religious Freedom Act, cultural resource management laws and regulations, and Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice). This Decision will not have any adverse effects to energy development, production, supply and/or distribution (per Executive Order 13212). In consideration of public comments, the consistency with the RMP, and the finding that there would not be any significant impacts, this Decision allows for implementation of the treatments as described in the Double J Fire Restoration & Rehabilitation EA.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office (KFRA office) within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

The BLM will only accept an appeal submitted on paper that is either delivered in person or mailed/postmarked on or before the last day of the appeal filing period. A notice of appeal and/or request for stay electronically transmitted (e.g., email, facsimile, or social media) will not be accepted - a notice of appeal and/or request for stay must be on paper.

/s/ Shane R. Durant, acting for  
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Klamath Falls Resource Area  
Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management

5/5/2014  
Date