

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

Finding of No Significant Impact
Spencer Creek Restoration Treatments
EA# OR 014-04-08

Background:

The Interdisciplinary Team for the Klamath Falls Resource Area, Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and analyzed a proposal to conduct habitat enhancement within Spencer Creek Watershed, which is tributary to Klamath River. The project will contribute to meeting the goals of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy. The Spencer Creek Pilot Watershed Analysis (BLM/USFS 1995, Page 5-42) recommends placement of large woody debris along constrained reaches of the stream channel in order to improve aquatic habitat diversity. The proposed project area is located on public and private lands within Spencer Creek Watershed administered by the Klamath Falls Resource Area BLM, the Fremont/Winema National Forest, and Inland Fiber Group LLC.

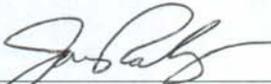
The issues addressed in the EA concern potential impacts to fish habitat, water quality, and other resources as they affect aquatic life and humans in the proposed project area. The design features of the Proposed Action and alternatives are described in the Spencer Creek Restoration Treatments EA.

Determination:

The anticipated environmental effects contained in this EA are based on research, professional judgement, and experience of the Interdisciplinary (ID) team and Klamath Falls Resource Area staff. Based on the information within the Environmental Assessment, it is my determination that none of the alternatives analyzed constitute a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/FEIS, September 1994) and its Record of Decision (ROD, June 1995)
- Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994), also known as the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP).
- Klamath Falls Resource Area Integrated Weed Control Plan EA (1993).
- Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project and the Eastside Draft Environmental Impact Statement (ICBEMP, May 1997).

Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement, or a supplement to the existing RMP and Environmental Impact Statement, is not necessary and will not be prepared.



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Date