

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

OFFICE: Klamath Falls Resource Area, Lakeview District

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2015-024-DNA

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: SW Gerber Jackpot Burning

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See attached map.

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The proposed action is to conduct jackpot burning in SW Gerber Units where vegetation objectives have not been met by cutting and leaving juniper on site. The amount of post-treatment material left on site will not allow for adequate recovery of native grasses and brush. The Southwest Gerber Habitat Restoration Environmental Assessment #DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2010-001-EA included burning of Units 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, and 2-5 other alternatives so the effects have already been analyzed. Burned areas will be seeded with native grass and brush species. The same project design features (PDFs) and best management practices (BMPs) will be applied (EA, pages 71-74).

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) and Related Program Planning and Decision Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995, page 34: “*Conduct thinning of encroaching juniper to protect and improve forage areas for big game. These thinnings would be designed to protect old growth juniper and be designed to consider edge, escape cover, and proper unit size.*”

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Southwest Gerber Habitat Restoration EA #DOI-BLM-OR-L040-2010-001-EA

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes. The actions (burning cut juniper and seeding) are identical to those analyzed in the environmental assessment.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes, the effects of burning the cut juniper and seeding were analyzed in the EA. There are no known new environmental concerns, interests, or resource values that require additional alternatives to be analyzed.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes, the interdisciplinary team visited the units on September 24, 2015 and concluded that there are no new studies, information, or circumstances that require analysis or that would substantially change the analysis of the proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the action proposed in this DNA are the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document. Resource conditions and locations are unchanged.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes. No comments were received during public involvement phases regarding burning cut juniper. No further public involvement is required.

E. Persons/Agencies Consulted – BLM KFRA Interdisciplinary Team

F. Interdisciplinary Team

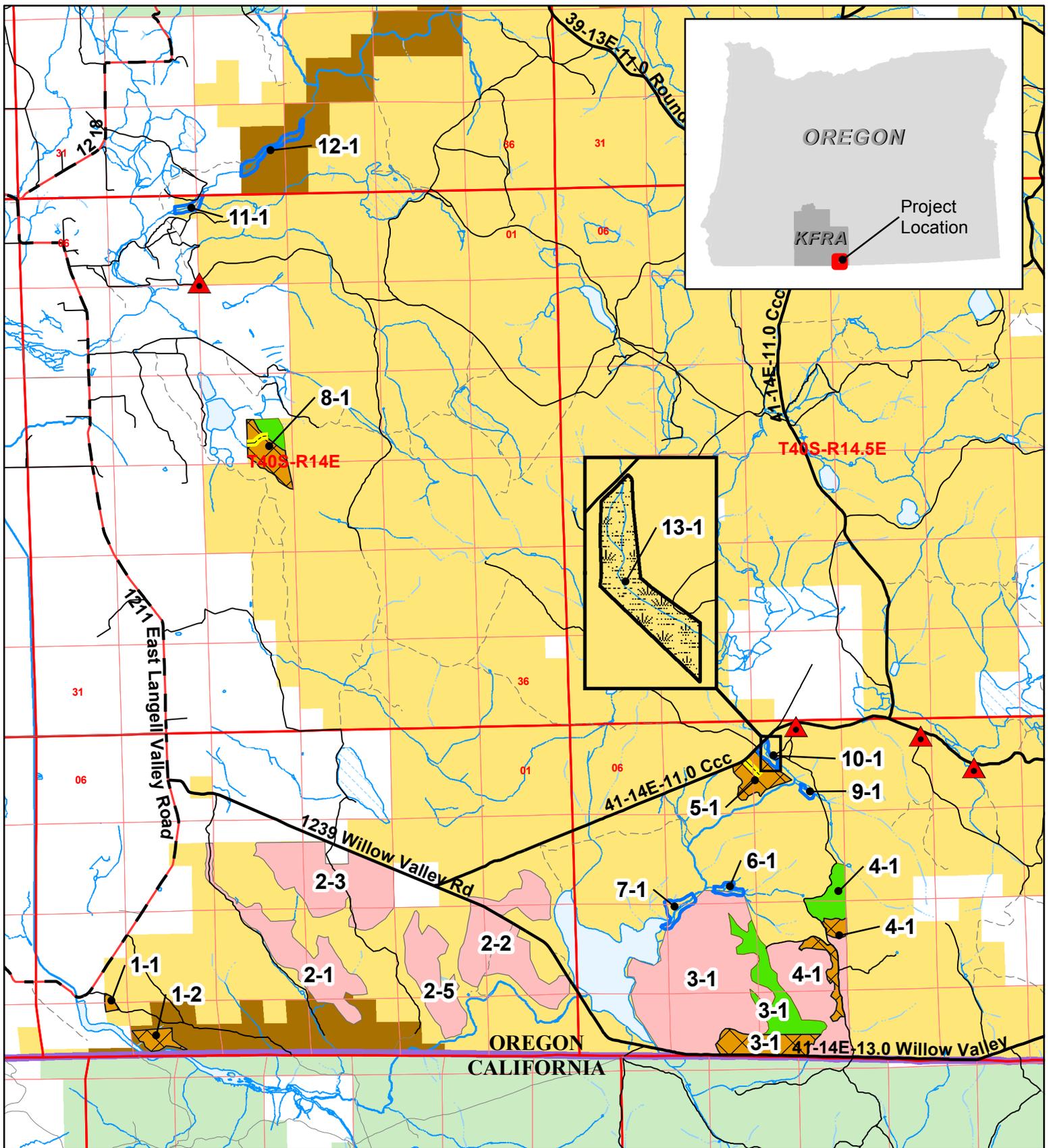
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Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I determine that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

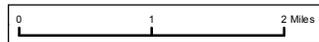
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9/30/2015
Date



South West Gerber EA Decision Record

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	Gates		Temp_Roads
	Hand Cut		Antelope_Riparian_Exclosure
	Mechanical Cut -Pile Burn/Plant		Bureau of Land Management
	Mechanical Cut -Utilize		U.S. Forest Service
	Riparian Hand Juniper Treatment		Bureau of Reclamation
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