

**Documentation of Plan Conformance and
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

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Casefile/Project Number:

Evans Creek Forest Management Project, DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2010-0019-EA

Proposed Action Title/Type: East Fork Evans Creek Dispersed Campsite Barricading

Location/Legal Description:

East Evans Creek: T34S R2W, Section 19 SESE, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon (see map).

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

Place boulders at a dispersed campsite adjacent to East Fork Evans Creek to prevent motorized vehicles from driving into the campsite and the creek. Blocking vehicle access at this particular site would allow vehicles to park off the shoulder of East Evans Creek Road to use the site for day use and camping, but would discourage trash dumping, long-term camping (over 14 days), and other unauthorized uses which have occurred when vehicles drive into the site and hide in the thick vegetation. Two user-created vehicle routes lead directly into the creek, resulting in sediment entering the creek. Because of the ability to drive to both ends of the campsite and into the creek, this particular site tends to attract visitors wanting to 'hide out' from authorities. The proposed action of blocking vehicle access into the site would still allow camping to take place, but would stop sedimentation from entering the creek from vehicle use, as well as allow for easier visibility of activities taking place there by law enforcement and maintenance personnel.

Any trash found in the site would be removed prior to barricading. The BLM road crew would transport one or two dump truck loads of boulders to the site, and a front-end loader would place the boulders at the two entrances to the campsite. The boulders would be placed to allow enough room for a vehicle to park safely off both the pavement and graveled shoulder of the road. All activities would take place on existing user-created routes.

Project Design Features

Applicable project design features identified by the interdisciplinary team for the Evans Creek Forest Management Project will be implemented in this project (EA p. 27).

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

This proposal is in conformance with the objectives, land use allocations, and management direction of the 1995 *Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (ROD/RMP) and any plan amendments in effect at the time this document is published. It also

conforms with the 1994 *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Northwest Forest Plan).

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

- *Evans Creek Forest Management Project EA and Decision Record* (DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2010-0019-EA), July 2011.

This proposal also complies with the direction given for the management of public lands in the Medford District by the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Clean Water Act of 1987 (CWA), Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996) (SDWA), Clean Air Act of 1990 (CAA), and Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA).

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?**

The proposed action is on BLM-administered lands located within the same analysis area as the Evans Creek Forest Management Project EA. The proposed action on East Fork Evans Creek is similar to actions analyzed in the EA. Actions identified in the 'Dispersed Campsite and Off-highway Vehicle Trail Rehabilitation' portion of the EA were done to reduce the impacts from unrestricted dispersed camping along West Fork Evans Creek and eliminate vehicular access to the creek from those campsites. Placing boulders at this dispersed campsite on East Fork Evans Creek meets those same objectives on a different fork of Evans Creek located 3 miles upstream of West Fork Evans Creek.

- 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 range of alternatives in the Evans Creek Forest Management Project is appropriate for the new proposed action. The environmental concerns, interests or resource values are also the same.

- 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?**

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists reviewed the proposed project and determined no significant changes in circumstances or significant new information has

occurred since the EA was written. All surveys will be completed for plants, wildlife, and cultural resources at the proposed site prior to implementation. The existing analysis is still valid; there are no updated rangeland health assessments, endangered species listings, or updated lists of BLM-sensitive species in the project area.

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 proposed action is not significantly different from the action analyzed in the EA, and includes the applicable project design features (EA p. 27). Direct, indirect, and cumulative effects resulting from blocking vehicle access to the additional campsite on East Fork Evans Creek are similar to those analyzed in the original EA for blocking vehicle access to West Fork Evans Creek. Limiting motorized vehicle use at this one additional campsite on East Fork Evans Creek would limit vehicles to park off the shoulder of the paved road, which would minimize erosion and sedimentation into a creek located within the original project area.

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

Public involvement and interagency review of the Evans Creek Forest Management Project is adequate for the proposed action. Comments received for the EA were generally in support of limiting motorized vehicle access in order to reduce sedimentation into creeks within the project area. No comments were received opposing the restriction of vehicle access.

E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted

The following Butte Falls Resource Area resource specialists have reviewed this proposed action and have determined this action is adequately covered in the Evans Creek Forest Management Project EA.

| Name | Resource | Initials | Date |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Dave Roelofs | Wildlife | DR | 3/27/14 |
| Lisa Rice | Archaeology | LR | 04/03/2014 |
| Baker Holden | Fisheries | BH3 | 3/27/14 |
| Shawn Simpson | Hydrology | SLS | 3/20/14 |
| Amy Meredith | Soil | AM | 3/20/14 |
| Marcia Wineteer | Botany/Noxious Weeds | MW | 4/2/14 |
| Jean Williams | NEPA Compliance | JW | 4/3/2014 |
| Trish Lindaman | Recreation | TL | 3/31/14 |

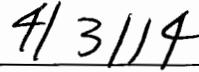
Note: Refer to the Evans Creek Forest Management EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis.

F. Conclusion

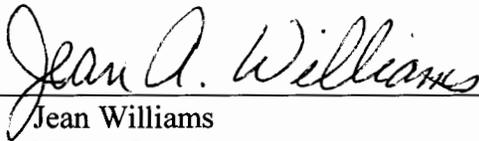
Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



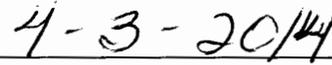
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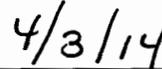
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Karla Norris
Acting Field Manager
Butte Falls Resource Area



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Note: The signed *Conclusion* on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

Map 1. East Fork Evans Creek Dispersed Campsite Barricade

