

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

**DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2015-0010-DNA**

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**Office:** Medford District Office, Butte Falls Resource Area

**Tracking Number:** DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2015-0010-DNA

**Project Number:** DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2013-0004-EA

**Proposed Action Title:** Trail Creek Underburning

**Location/Legal Description:** Township 33 South, Range 1 West, sections 7 and 8, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon (see map).

**A. Description of the Proposed Action and Any Applicable Mitigation Measures**

The Butte Falls Resource Area, Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to reduce hazardous fuels on 370 acres of BLM-managed land and 48 acres of adjacent privately owned land. Surface and ladder fuels would be reduced by broadcast burning and underburning, as analyzed in the *Trail Creek Forest Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA)*. The broadcast/underburn treatment would help maintain the desired condition of the identified areas. The proposed action is consistent with the actions analyzed in the EA.

Prescribed burning would occur on BLM lands in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) within the project area. The project addresses the need to better protect the lives, property, and natural resources within the neighborhoods of Trail and Shady Cove, Oregon from the risk of high intensity wild fires.

**Project Design Features**

Applicable project design features identified by the interdisciplinary team for the *Trail Creek Forest Management Project* will be implemented in this project (EA, p. 31-34).

In addition, no underburning will occur within the active timber sale units in Township 33 South, Range 1 West, section 7 (see Mouse Trail timber sale contract map) until timber harvest and the associated fuels and road maintenance work is completed and accepted by the Authorized Officer. Underburning within the identified harvest units will be completed at a time that will minimize damage to residual trees.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

**Land Use Plan:** Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan. Approved June 1995.

This proposal is in conformance with the objectives, land use allocations, and management direction of the 1995 ROD/RMP and any plan amendments in effect at the time this document is published. The proposed action is specifically provided for in the following management direction in the ROD/RMP (p. 89):

*Coordinate fire management activities in rural interface areas with local governments, agencies, and landowners.*

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) and the 2001 *Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines* (2001 Survey and Manage).

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

- Trail Creek Forest Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2013-0004-EA), July 2014
- Decision Record for Trail Creek Forest Management Project, July 2014
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BLM and Landowner - Agreement Number BLM-ORG CODE-ORM000-2015-02

This proposal includes 48 acres of proposed underburning in private land located adjacent to BLM. The BLM and a private landowner entered into an MOU, referenced above, to reduce hazardous fuels on BLM-managed lands and adjacent private land. Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreements, Wyden Amendment, 16 U.S.C. 1011, P.L. 104-208, Section 124, as amended by P.L. 105-277, Section 135, provides that “. . . appropriations . . . may be used by the Secretary . . . for the purpose of entering into Cooperative Agreements with the heads of other Federal agencies, tribal, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other resources on public or private land, and the reduction of risk from natural disaster where public safety is threatened, that benefit these resources on public lands within the watershed.”

This proposal complies with the direction given for the management of public lands in the Medford District by the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937, Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Endangered Species Act of 1973, National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Clean Water Act of 1987, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996), Clean Air Act of 1990, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, and Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

**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 consistent with the actions identified in the *Trail Creek Forest Management Project EA* (section 2.2.2.3 Underburning and Broadcast Burning, EA, p. 16).

The proposed action is located within the Project Area boundary for the EA. Resource conditions are similar to those identified in the EA.

**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?**

The new action is the same as the action identified in the existing NEPA document. The current resource values, environmental concerns, and interests 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?**

A BLM interdisciplinary team of resource specialists reviewed the project and determined no significant changes in circumstances or significant new information have occurred since the EA was written. All surveys were completed for plants, wildlife, and cultural resources.

**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 substantially different from the action analyzed in the EA. This project will include the applicable project design features identified in the EA. The impacts from this action are expected to be short-term and are within those anticipated from the proposed action in the EA. Adverse impacts would occur during implementation of the action and would not differ from the cumulative impacts analyzed in the EA.

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

The BLM initiated public scoping for the *Trail Creek Forest Management Project EA* on February 1, 2013 by mailing a postcard to 246 adjacent landowners, businesses, organizations, tribes, government agencies, and other interested parties. The postcard was used to determine interest in the project and establish a list for future project mailings. As a result, the BLM mailed or emailed a scoping notice to 48 interested parties on March 29, 2013.

The BLM hosted two public field tours for this project. The first tour occurred May 22, 2013 and included BLM staff and representatives from the Upper Rogue Watershed Association, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, American Forest Resource Council, Boise Cascade, Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The second tour, on June 6, 2013, included BLM staff and four members of the public.

The EA was available for a 30-day public comment period from February 3, 2014 to March 4, 2014. The BLM notified the public through a letter mailed February 3, 2014 to 37 interested parties and a legal notice of EA availability published in the *Medford Mail Tribune* newspaper on February 2, 2014. The EA was posted on the Medford District's NEPA Analysis Web site and the Trail Creek project Web site.

The BLM issued a Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record for the Trail Creek Project on July 25, 2014. The two documents were posted on the BLM Web site and a public notice was published in the *Medford Mail Tribune* newspaper on July 31, 2014.

Since the current proposed action is located in the same Project Area and is essentially the same action analyzed in the EA, we determined the level of public review for the existing EA was adequate for this project.

#### 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 *Trail Creek Forest Management Project EA* (DOI-BLM-OR-M050-2013-0004-EA).

Name	Resource	Initials	Date
Dave Roelofs	Wildlife	DR	4-7-15
Lisa Rice	Cultural	LR	04/01/15
AJ Donnell	Fisheries	ASD	4/01/15
Shawn Simpson	Hydrology	SLS	4/17/15
Amy Meredith	Soil	AM	3/30/15
Marcia Wineteer	Botany/Noxious Weeds	mw	6/29/15
Robyn Wicks	NEPA Compliance	RW	6/14/15
Al Mason	Fuels	APM	6/3/15
Trish Lindaman	Recreation	TL	4/7/15
Crystal Perez Gonzalez	Silviculture	CAP	4/8/15
Jason Tarrant	Range	JCT	3/31/15
Nick McDaniel	Timber	NRM	4/2/15

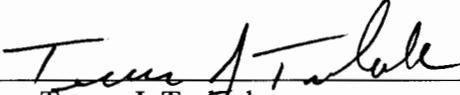
Note: Refer to the *Trail Creek Forest Management Project EA* for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis.

**F. Conclusion**

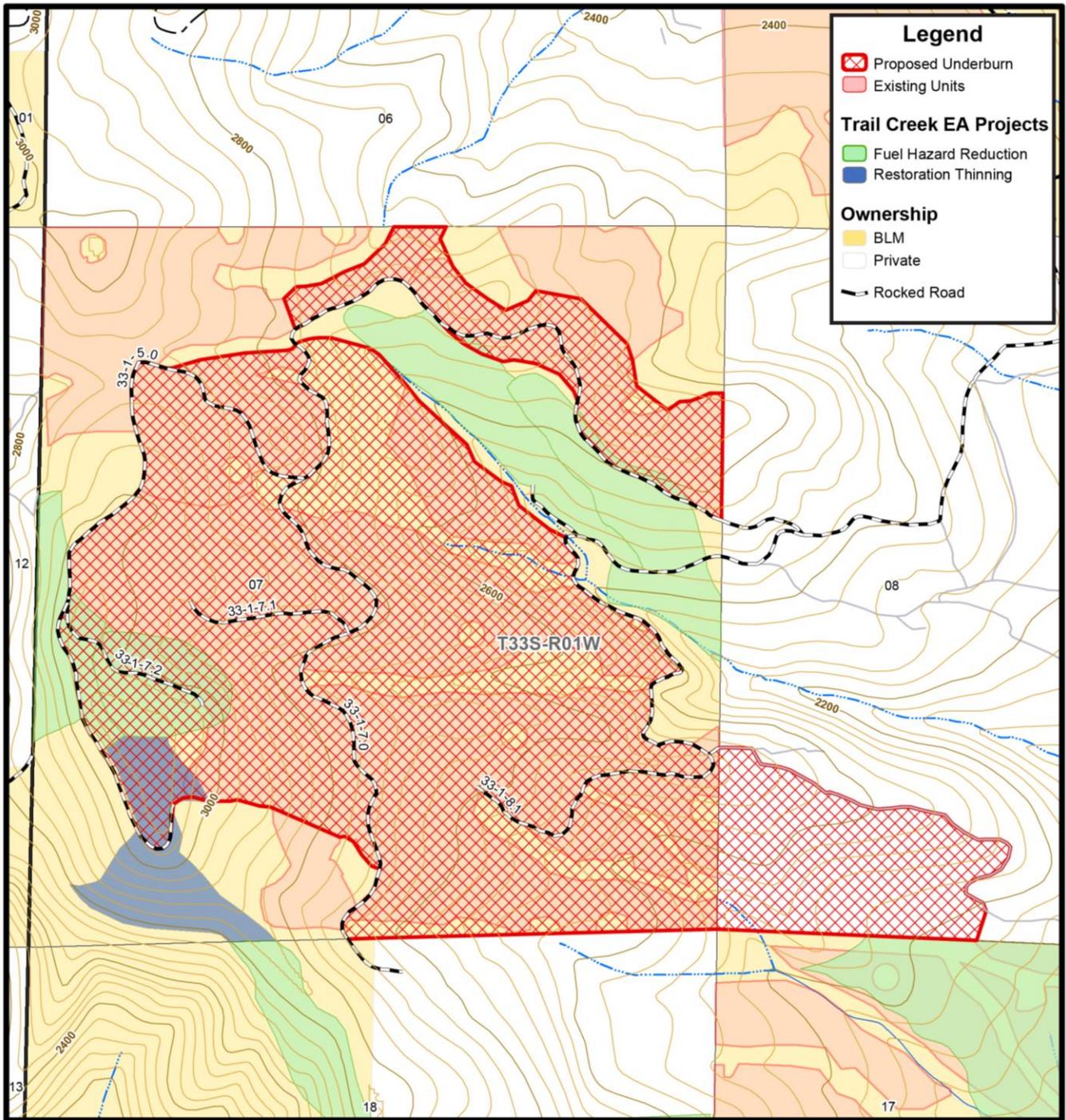
Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

  
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Project Lead  
Date 6/4/15

  
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Jean Williams  
NEPA Coordinator  
Date 7/1/2015

  
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Butte Falls Resource Area  
Date 7/6/2015

**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.



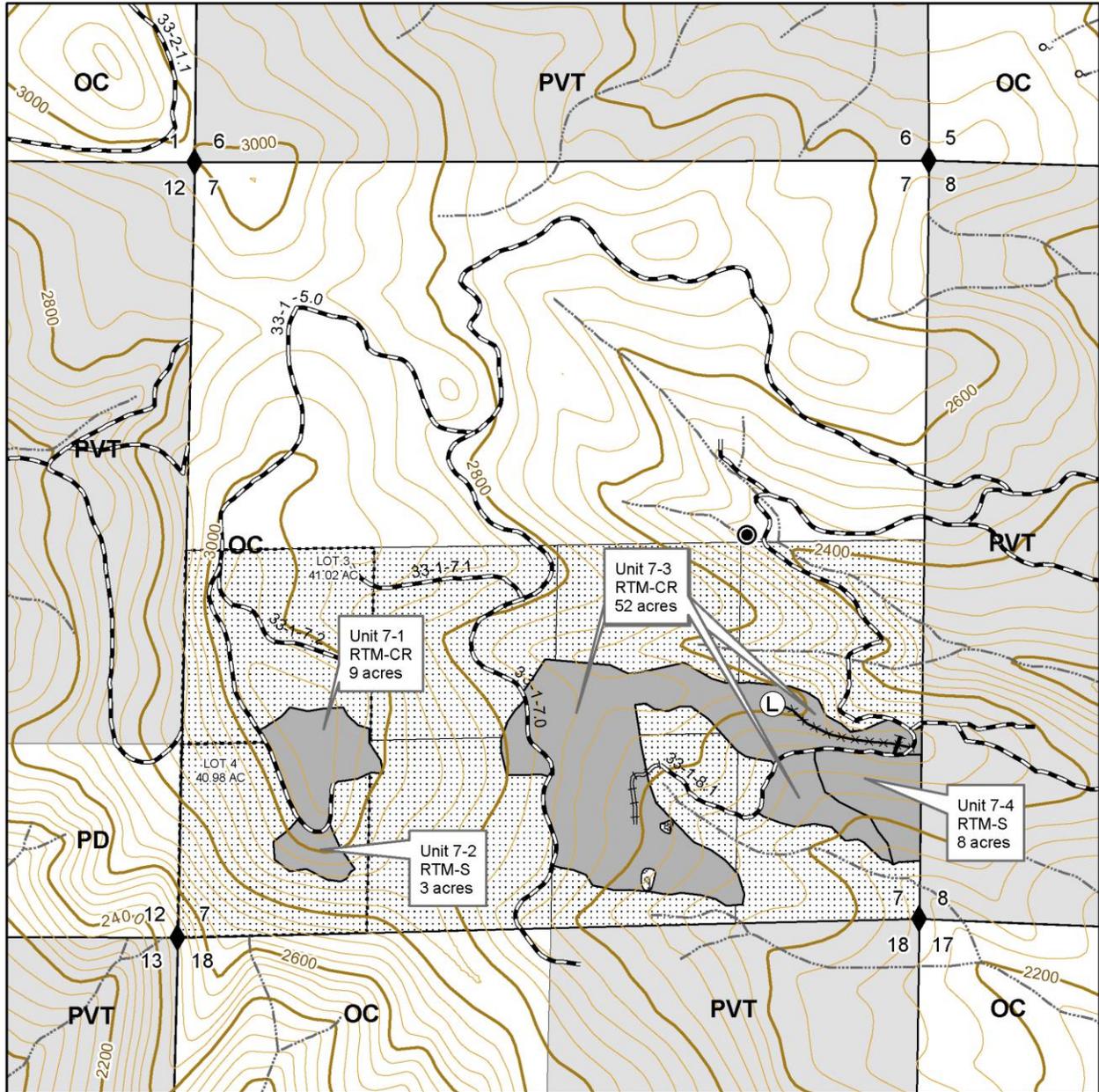
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U.S.D.I. BLM MEDFORD DISTRICT SALE NO. 14-09  
T. 33S. R. 1W., SEC 7, WILL. MER.  
MOUSE TRAIL TIMBER SALE

TIMBER SALE CONTRACT MAP  
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1 inch = 1,000 feet  
Contours = 40 feet



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