

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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London Peak Timber Sale
DOI-BLM-OR-M070-2012-023-DNA

- A. Location of Proposed Action:** Township 33 South, Range 6 West, Section 27 Willamette Meridian.

Description of the Proposed Action:

The London Peak Timber Sale was analyzed under the Speaking Coyote Project Environmental Assessment (OR-M070-2012-0002). Commercial harvest unit 27-1 was previously harvested in the 1960s, planted and is currently a tree plantation. The Environmental Assessment (EA) determined that Unit 27-1 was located on stable ground suitable for harvest activities. However, during timber sale layout it was discovered that approximately 3 acres of the 17 acre unit were incorrectly mapped as Fragile Nonsuitable Woodland Slope Gradient (FGNW) as identified under the Medford Resource Management Plan map layer for Timber Production Capability Classification (TPCC). This error was confirmed by the Medford District Geological Technician.

The proposed action is to correct the mapping error under the Resource Management Plan. The RMP provide that "Potential minor changes, refinements or clarifications in the plan may take the form of maintenance actions" (RMP, p. 94). Maintenance actions are not considered a plan amendment and do not require the formal public involvement and interagency coordination process undertaken for plan amendments. The plan maintenance will not result in an expansion of the scope of the EA or change the terms, conditions and decisions of the approved RMP (RMP p. 94-95).

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan June, 1995 (ROD/RMP) and Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, dated February 1994 (PRMP/FEIS).

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

The Medford District ROD/RMP calls for refinements or clarification in the plan which may take the form of maintenance actions. Such maintenance is limited to further refining or documenting a previously approved decision incorporated in the plan (RMP/ROD p. 94).

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- *Speaking Coyote Project Environmental Assessment* (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-M070-2012-0002-EA) (August 2012) and *Decision Documentation for the Speaking Coyote Timber Sale* (August 2012).
- *Timber Production Capability Classification (TPCC) Handbook 525 1-1, BLM Supplement*, Oregon State Office (1986).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action as previously analyzed?

Yes. The proposed action is substantially the same action as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the EA. The proposed action is a District RMP Plan Maintenance Action to remedy the discrepancy in TPCC classification.

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

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the Speaking Coyote EA was appropriate given the purpose and need for the project. The proposed Maintenance Action would not expand the scope of the NEPA analysis. The proposed action would remedy the TPCC mapping discrepancy discovered through field reconnaissance and confirmed in the Geological Technician.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, inventory and monitoring data, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?

Yes. The Grants Pass Resource area has not received or aware of any new information and new circumstances since the Decision Documentation was signed in August of 2012. The maintenance action would not alter the EA. The proposed action would refine the coarse scale mapping used in the Medford District RMP analysis and incorporate site specific information to clarify the TPCC mapping discrepancy.

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

Yes. The proposed action does not change the effects analysis in Alternative 2. The London Peak commercial thin project is fully analyzed under the Speaking Coyote EA. The proposed action remedies the TPCC mapping discrepancy and does not alter the

effects analysis.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA documents adequate for the current proposed action?

An initial Speaking Coyote Project map, along with a request from the public for sites to visit for a proposed field trip, was mailed to 720 residents within the Wolf Creek and Sunny Valley communities on October 20, 2011. A public field trip took place on November 5, 2011. The BLM issued a 24 page Speaking Coyote Scoping Report which was available for public comment between December 15, 2011 and January 11, 2012. The EA was released on July 11, 2012 and available for public comment for a 30 day period, BLM received 4 comments. The EA disclosed to the public that all management activities would be conducted on the Matrix land use allocation. The proposed action would not change the effects analysis in the EA. All comments were considered in reaching the decision and were responded to in the Decision Documentation.

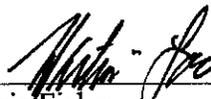
E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Resource Represented
Sarah Queen-Foster	Forester	Logging Systems
Miriam Liberatore	Civil Engineer	Geological Technician
Ferris Fisher	Forester	Silviculturist
Colleen Dulin	Hydrologist	Water Quality and Soils

Note: Refer to the Speaking Coyote EA for a complete list of team members.

Conclusion

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



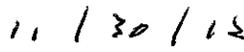
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