

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MEDFORD DISTRICT
GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
2164 NE Spalding Ave
Grants Pass OR 97526
(541) 471-6500
Medford_Mail@blm.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION / DECISION RECORD

Golden Inside-Out Flower Pollination Study

NEPA No.: DOI-BLM-OR-M000-2009-0022-CX

A. Proposed Action

The BLM is proposing to allow a graduate student to perform a pollination study on BLM land. The study species is golden inside-out flower (*Vancouveria chrysantha*). A permit would be provided for collection of two voucher specimens.

B. Location/Land Use Allocation:

The project is on BLM-owned lands located within the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) allocation, located in T.41 S., R.9 W., Section 3.

C. Need / Rationale for the Proposed Action:

A graduate student at Humboldt State University has requested the use of a population of golden inside-out flower on BLM land for his research project. It is BLM practice to allow research projects on BLM lands as long as they do not negatively affect natural resources.

D. Description of the Proposed Action:

Twenty golden inside-out flower plants would have bags placed over the flowers to exclude insect pollinators. Of the twenty plants, ten would be hand pollinated. Additionally, insects observed visiting flowers would be collected and killed to identify species and observe if they have golden inside-out flower pollen on them. Numbered stakes would be placed at plants to identify the treatment they have received. Two voucher specimens of golden inside-out flower would be collected. One would be deposited at the Medford District herbarium; the other would be deposited at the Humboldt State University herbarium.

The study site would be accessed by foot.

E. Project Design Features

The numbered treatment staked would be removed after the study is completed.

F. Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the following plans:

- *Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Medford District (2008)*
- *Final EIS for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management (2008)*
- *Decision Record and Environmental Assessment for the Medford District Integrated Weed Management Plan (April 1998)*

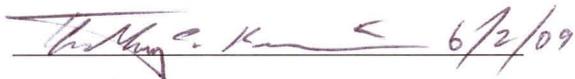
This project conforms to the Medford District's 2008 Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (USDI 2008), and complies with the Management Objectives and Direction of the 2008 Resource Management Plan. In addition, this project fully complies with the management objectives, actions, and direction of the resource management plan in place prior to December 30, 2008, which was the 1995 RMP, as amended (USDI 1995). The design of this project would not have differed under either the 2008 or the 1995 plans. 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), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, the Clean Water Act of 1987, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996), Clean Air Act, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

G. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under Department 43 CFR 46.210(e) "Nondestructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research, and monitoring activities."

Title 43, Section 46.205(c) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires the review of this action to determine if any of the "extraordinary circumstances" found at 43 CFR 46.215 would apply. If any of the extraordinary circumstances apply, then an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional analysis and environmental documentation.

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if extraordinary circumstances exist that would require further environmental analysis and documentation. None have been identified (see attached review).

 6/2/09

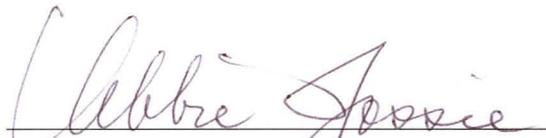
NEPA Reviewer / Date

 5/27/09

Preparer / Date

G. Decision

I have reviewed this CE, plan conformance and NEPA compliance review and have determined the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project as described.



Abbie Jossie
Field Manager
Grants Pass Resources Area



Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
Golden Inside-Out Flower Pollination Study
NEPA No.: DOI-BLM-OR-M000-2009-0022-CX

Department of the Interior NEPA Regulations at 43 CFR 46.205(c) requires the review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (found at 43 CFR 46.215) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional analysis and environmental documentation.

1) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

Yes No Remarks: This project will have no impact on public health or safety.

2) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

Yes No Remarks: This project lies with the NLCS lands. The proposed action will not impair the free-flowing character, classification, or identified outstandingly remarkable values for which the land was designated.

3) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].

Yes No

4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Yes No

5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

Yes No

6) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

Yes No

7) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.

Yes No

8) *Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.*

Yes No Remarks: There are no listed species in the project area, therefore this project would have no affect on listed species.

9) *Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.*

Yes No

10) *Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).*

Yes No

11) *Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).*

Yes No

12) *Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).*

Yes No

Reviewers:

Jim Galt 5/26/09
Botany Date

Coreen Harris 5/27/09
Silviculture, Vegetation Dynamics
& Port-Orford Cedar Date

Tina Green 6/1/09
Cultural Resources Date

Jon Rauson 5/26/09
Fisheries Date

Robin E Smith 5/26/09
Wildlife Date

Michael DeBlasi 5/26/09
Soils/Hydrology Date

[Signature] 5/26/09
Visual Resources / Recreation Date

Cathy Weidant 5/26/09
Engineering Date

Tim Monyules 5-26-09
Fire and Fuels Date