

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MEDFORD DISTRICT**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND DECISION RECORD

**Logan Cut Fence Installation Project
ORM070-2012-018-CX**

A. Background

Proposed Action Title: Logan Cut Fence Installation Project

Location of Proposed Action: Medford District the N 1/2, N1/2 Section 9; T.40S; R8W; W.M.

Land Use Allocations: Southern General Forest Management Area.

Project Description: The Logan Cut Fence Installation Project would construct a wooden fence 3,115 foot in length parallel to BLM road 40-8-4. The fence is the first installment of several planned mitigation measures aimed at discouraging illegal off-highway vehicle (OHV) activities, curbing the cyclic pattern of illegal dumping, protecting a federally endangered plant (Cook's Desert Parsley (*Lomatium cookii*)) and an archaeological site registered in the National Register of Historic Places.

The proposed fence would be installed adjacent to an area north of Logan Cut on BLM managed lands. The fence would be installed within the road right-of-way prism where ongoing road maintenance occurs. Construction is proposed during dry conditions to minimize any effects of ground disturbance such as dragging of fencing material. Placement of this fence would protect natural resources which have been negatively impacted by illegal dumping and unlawful OHV activities.

Although the project area resides within range of *Lomatium cookii*, a federally endangered plant, the fence would not be located within its designated Critical Habitat. *Lomatium cookii* does not exist within the proposed fence placement area.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

This proposal is consistent with policy directed by the following:

- *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and 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 FSEIS, 1994 and ROD, 1994) as amended*
- *Final-Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (EIS, 1994 and RMP/ROD, 1995)*

ground surface. In addition, the fence will be constructed within the road prism, an area already disturbed.

3. *Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.*

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Remarks:

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:

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

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Yes No

Remarks:

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

Remarks:

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

Remarks:

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Decision Record

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Decision and Rationale: Based upon the attached Categorical Exclusion, it is my decision to implement the Logan Cut Fence Project described in the Proposed Action.

In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the Proposed Action is in accordance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. Therefore, an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement is not needed. It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action in accordance with 43 CFR 5003 –Administrative Remedies.

Implementation Date: If no protest is received by the close of business (4:30 P.M.) within 15 days after publication of this decision would become final and may be implemented immediately.



Allen Bollschweiler, Field Manager
Grants Pass Resource Area

8/9/12

Date

Administrative Review: This decision is a forest management decision. Administrative remedies are available to persons who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. In accordance with the BLM Forest Management Regulations (43 CFR § 5003.2(c)), all decisions relating to forest management, except advertised timber sales, the notice and decision document shall contain a concise statement of the circumstances requiring the action.

To protest a forest management decision, a person must submit a written and signed protest to the Grants Pass Field Manager, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, OR 97526 by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) not more than 15 days after publication of the Notice of Decision. The protest must clearly and concisely state which portion or element of the decision is being protested and why it is believed to be in error, as well as cite applicable regulations. Faxed or emailed protests will not be considered. For additional information concerning this decision contact Martin Lew, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone (541) 471-6504, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526.