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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
RECREATION STORAGE & MAINTENANCE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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EA COVER SHEET

Project Name/Number RECREATION STORAGE & MAINTENANCE BUILDING
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Location: Medford District Office

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This environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Recreation Shop was prepared utilizing a systematic interdisciplinary approach integrating the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts with planning and decision making.



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The environmental assessment was made available for public review on February 23, 2009.

Comments regarding this document should be received by the BLM by March 9, 2009.

RECREATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Purpose of and Need for Action

The need for this EA is to analyze construction of a building to house the recreation shop facilities. The proposed action is described below in Section I. The purpose of the proposed action is to construct a building to house the recreation shop of the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District

This environmental assessment (EA) is being prepared to determine if the proposed action and any of the alternatives would have a significant effect on the human environment thus requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) as prescribed in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It is also being used to inform interested parties of the anticipated impacts and provide them with an opportunity to comment on the various alternatives.

Conformance with Land Use Plan

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Medford District Resource Management Plan of the Record of Decision* dated December 30, 2008.

Hazardous Materials Investigation

A thorough search of available records, including BLM, federal and state lists of potential sites, BLM land status records (Historical Index/Master Title Plat), mining claim records, and case records was conducted and did not reveal any potential for contamination by hazardous materials. In addition, a physical inspection of the site was conducted and no evidence was observed on the ground.

I. Alternatives

A. Alternative I

The proposed action would consist of construction of a building with approximately 2700 square feet of garage and shop space. This proposal includes full utility connections, including electricity and phone. The proposed action would locate the new shop in the present wareyard of the main office at 3040 Biddle road. This would be approximately 25 feet north of the Radio Shop and would entail less than one tenth of an acre of ground disturbance.

B. Alternative II, No Action Alternative Under this alternative of no action, the BLM would not construct the building on Medford District, Bureau of Land Management property.

II. Environmental Consequences

This chapter discusses how specific resources would or would not be affected by implementation of the alternatives contained in this analysis

A. Impacts of the Proposed Action, Alternative I

Construction in a presently disturbed site such as the existing wareyard is going to be of minor impact. There are no soil or hydrological concerns. No threatened or endangered species habitat the area or no know noxious weeds are involved. The area is devoid of vegetation.

B. Alternative II, No Action Alternative

The no action alternative is to not construct the building. No environmental impacts would be realized with this alternative.

III. Consultation with Others

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