

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

NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW & DECISION RECORD

GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA

DOI-BLM-OR-M080-2010--007-CX

Proposed Project or Action Title: Glendale to Powers Tour de Fronds

Location of Proposed Action: Glendale to Powers Bicycle route (T32S, R9W & 8W)

Land Use Allocation: Matrix, Riparian Reserve

Proposed Action: Glendale Community Action Response Team is proposing to host the Glendale to Powers Tour de Fronds, a one day bicycle ride for approximately 150 people that traverses approximately 75 miles between Glendale and Powers, Oregon on June 19, 2010. The proposed ride includes multiple access points onto BLM land via various secondary, paved roads.

There are four roadside rest stops along the route on Medford BLM lands at Daphne Grove, Eden Valley, Arrasta Saddle, and West Fork Cow Creek. The West Fork Road (32-8-1.1) stop site was once the town of West Fork, but has since been used as a gravel stockpile area, log landing, and heavy equipment staging area. A 15 ft box van with water, food, tents and 2 – 4 portable toilets will be set up at the four stops.

The Glendale Community Action Response Team will provide staff to service the riders with food, water and medical attention that may be needed at the rest stop. The Glendale Community Action Response Team has a Special Recreation Permit (MRP 510).

One of the objectives stated in the Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan is to “Pursue recreation opportunities that will benefit local community economic strategies consistent with BLM land use objectives” (RMP, p.63).

PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES

The permittee assumes responsibility for inspecting the regulated area for any existing or new hazardous conditions such as landslides, rocks, uneven road surfaces, weather conditions, falling limbs or trees, hazardous wildlife, or other hazards which present a risk which the permittee assumes.

The West Fork Cow Creek Road may have transport of logging equipment and rock trucks during the event. The permittee is required to post signs at the beginning and ending points of the event warning vehicle traffic that bicycles will be on the road.

The permittee will be responsible for all medical, safety, clean up, route marking, and personal needs of its riders.

There will be no spray painting of direction on paved BLM roadways.

Whenever practicable, visitors will pack their trash for disposal at home.

On public lands for this event, persons must **not**:

- Dispose of any cans, bottles, and other trash and garbage except in designated places or receptacles;
- Dispose of flammable trash or garbage except by burning in authorized fires, or disposal in designated places or receptacles;
- Drain sewage or petroleum products or dump refuse or waste other than wash water from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for that purpose;
- Dispose of any household, commercial or industrial refuse or waste brought as such from private or municipal property;
- Pollute or contaminate water supplies or water used for human consumption; or
- Use a refuse container or disposal facility for any purpose other than for which it is supplied.

Clean up of the site is required within 24 hours after the event.

Personal property must not be unattended longer than 10 days or will be subject to disposal under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C 484(m)).

Motor vehicles operators on public lands must not: exceed posted speed limits, willfully endanger persons or property, or act in a reckless, careless or negligent manner.

The permittee will be monitored for compliance by the BLM.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following plans:

- *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)
- *Final-Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision* (EIS, 1994 and RMP/ROD, 1995)
- *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Management of Port-Orford-Cedar in Southwest Oregon* (FSEIS, 2004 and ROD, 2004)
- *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendment to the Survey & Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines* (FSEIS, 2000 and ROD, 2001) and amendments or modifications as of March 21, 2004
- *Medford District Integrated Weed Management Plan Environmental Assessment (1998)* and tiered to the *Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program* (EIS, 1985)

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 H (1) "Issuance of Special Recreation permits for day use or overnight use . . . and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply (See attached checklist).

NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Extraordinary circumstances (CFR § 46.215) provides for a review of the following criteria for categorical exclusion to determine if exceptions apply to the Proposed Action based on actions which may:

1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.
 Yes No
Remarks: None

2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation, refuge, lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); ecologically significant or critical areas (including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks).
 Yes No
Remarks: None

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(e)).
 Yes No
Remarks: None

4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
 Yes No
Remarks: None

5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either bureau or office.
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed for listed, on the List of Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

9. Violate a Federal law, or State, local, or tribal law requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).
 Yes No
 Remarks: None

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: None

12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area 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: None

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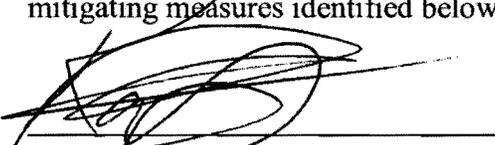
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PROPOSED ACTION

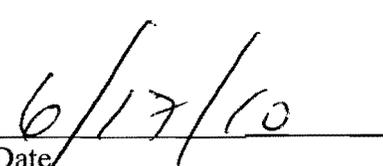
The proposed federal action is to issue a Special Recreation Permit Right to the Glendale Community Action Response Team for hosting the Glendale to Powers Tour de Fronds, a one day bicycle ride for that traverses approximately 75 miles between Glendale and Powers, Oregon on June 19, 2010.

DECISION AND RATIONALE

I have reviewed this Plan Conformance, Categorical Exclusion Determination and attached NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plans and would not involve any significant environmental impacts. No further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigating measures identified below.

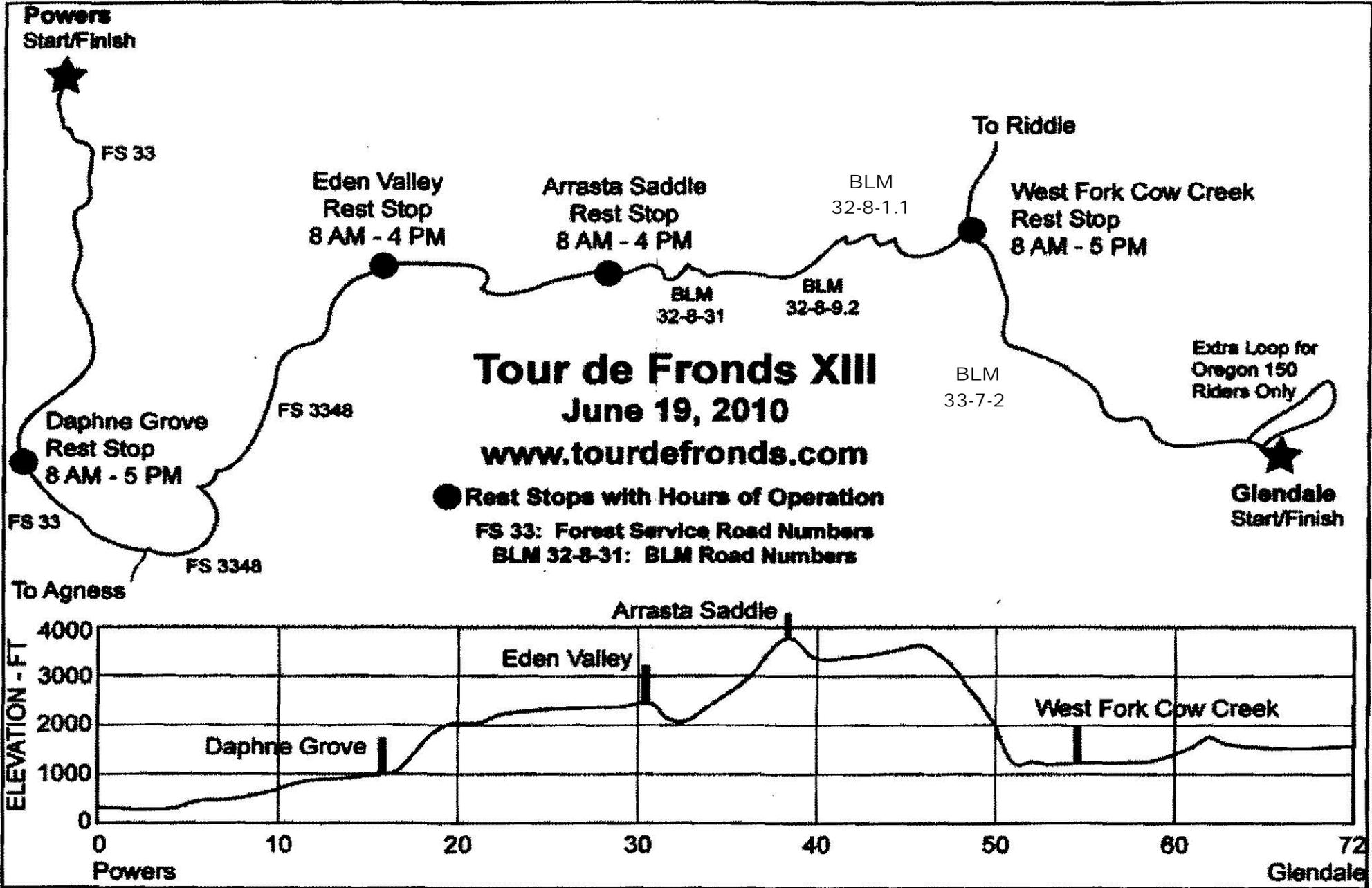


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Date

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