

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Prineville District – Deschutes Resource Area

A. Background

Proposed Action Title: Grazing Permit Transfer, Sherwood Canyon and Smith Rock Allotments

CE Number: DOI-BLM-OR-P060-2009-0034-CX

Project or Serial Number: None

Location: Approximately three miles northeast of Terrebonne, Oregon.

Description of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is to transfer the BLM grazing authorizations for the Sherwood Canyon (5051) and Smith Rock (5052) Allotments from Trail Crossing Revocable Trust (Ambers Thornburgh and Agnes Delashmutt) to Jeremy Symons. In addition, the authorization would be transferred from the present base property to property owned by Jeremy and Johanna Symons. The existing Terms and Conditions, and management practices of the permit would remain unchanged.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The above proposed action has been found to be in conformance with the following BLM plans.

Upper Deschutes Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, September 2005

Page 77, General Uses, No. 5: “Continue to allocate AUMs as shown in B/LP RMP (USDI-BLM, 1989) and subsequent Rangeland Program Summaries.”

Page 79, Guidelines, No. 12: “Grazing operators in good standing can continue to hold or transfer permits to other qualified applicants ...”

Page 245, Appendix G, Livestock Grazing Management Summary: 5051 Sherwood Canyon Allotment, Grazing Matrix Classification is “Graze” and 5052 Smith Rock Allotment, Grazing Matrix Classification is “discontinue livestock grazing or Reserved Forage Allotment if permit is voluntarily relinquished.”

C. Compliance with NEPA

Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.5.D (1), effective August 14, 2007, “Approval of transfers of grazing preference”. 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 apply as described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, effective June 21, 2005. See attached CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation checklist beginning on page 3.

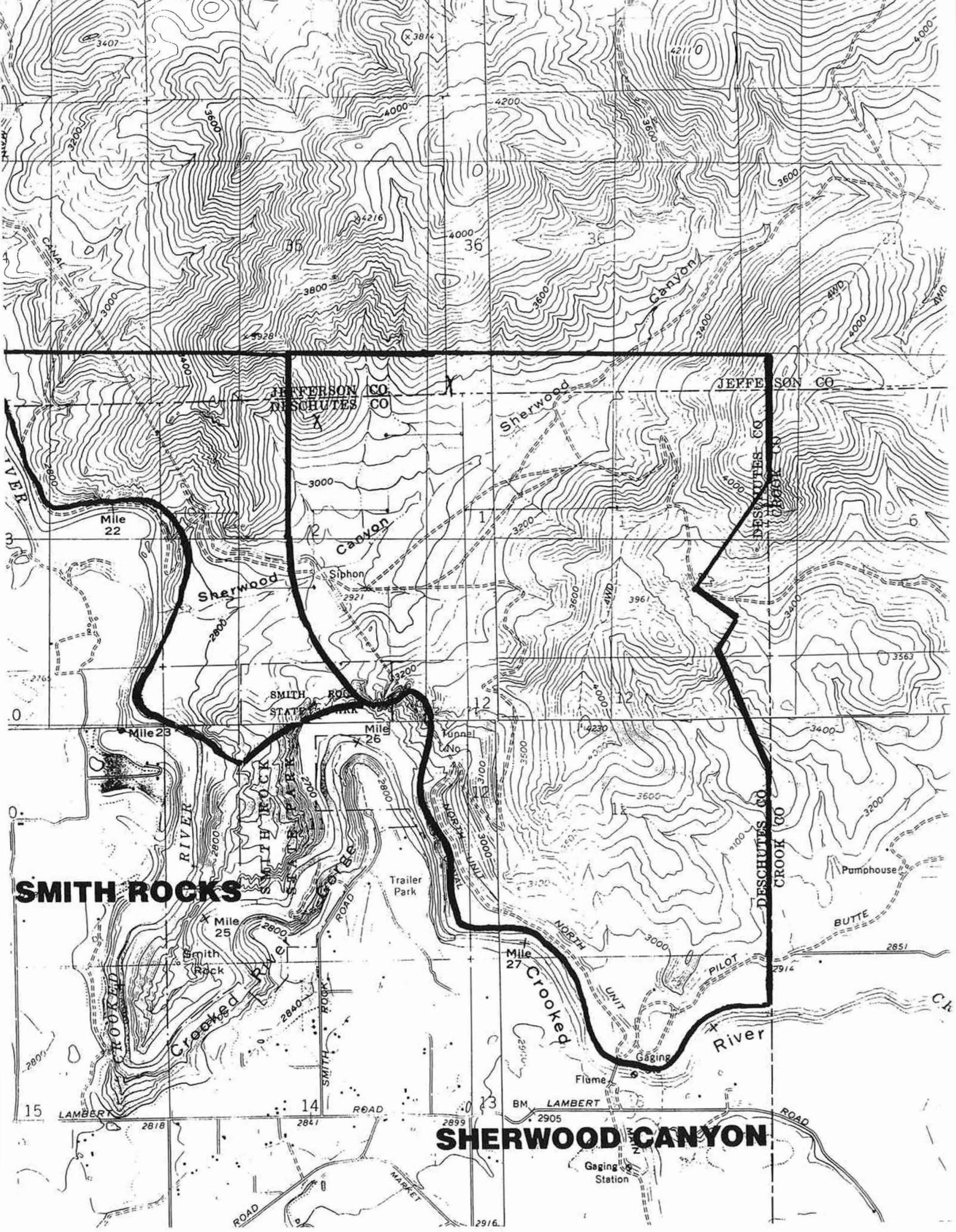
I considered the above Proposed Action, land use plan, compliance with 516 DM 11.5.D (1), and the lack of extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment information provided. Based on this review, there is no potential for significant impacts so further NEPA analysis is not needed.

D. Signature

Authorizing official: /S/ Teal Purrington, Acting for Molly Brown Date 06/02/09
Molly Brown, Deschutes Field Manager

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