

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville Field Office

NEPA Log #: DOI - BLM - OR - P040 - 2011 - 0032 - CX

Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #: 3605368

Proposed Action Title: Rim (#2649) grazing allotment fence removal

Location: Approximately two miles east of Clarno, Oregon.

Description of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is removal of approximately 0.8 miles of allotment boundary fence in T. 8 S., R. 19 E., Sec. 3, N ½ N ½. The lessee made a request for permission to remove the fence because the fence is in disrepair, the allotment is not being grazed, and the public land is proposed to be traded to the lessee in the Spring Basin Wilderness Land Exchanges.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Two Rivers Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision, Rangeland Program Summary (Two Rivers RMP)

Date approved: June 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the above plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions, objectives, terms, or conditions: page 11, 'Range developments will be designed to achieve both wildlife and range objectives. Existing fences may be modified, and new fences will be built to allow wildlife passage.'

C. Compliance with NEPA

Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9.J (10), effective August 14, 2007, "Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.". 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, grazing regulations, compliance with 516 DM 11.9. J (10), 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: H. F. "Chip" Faver
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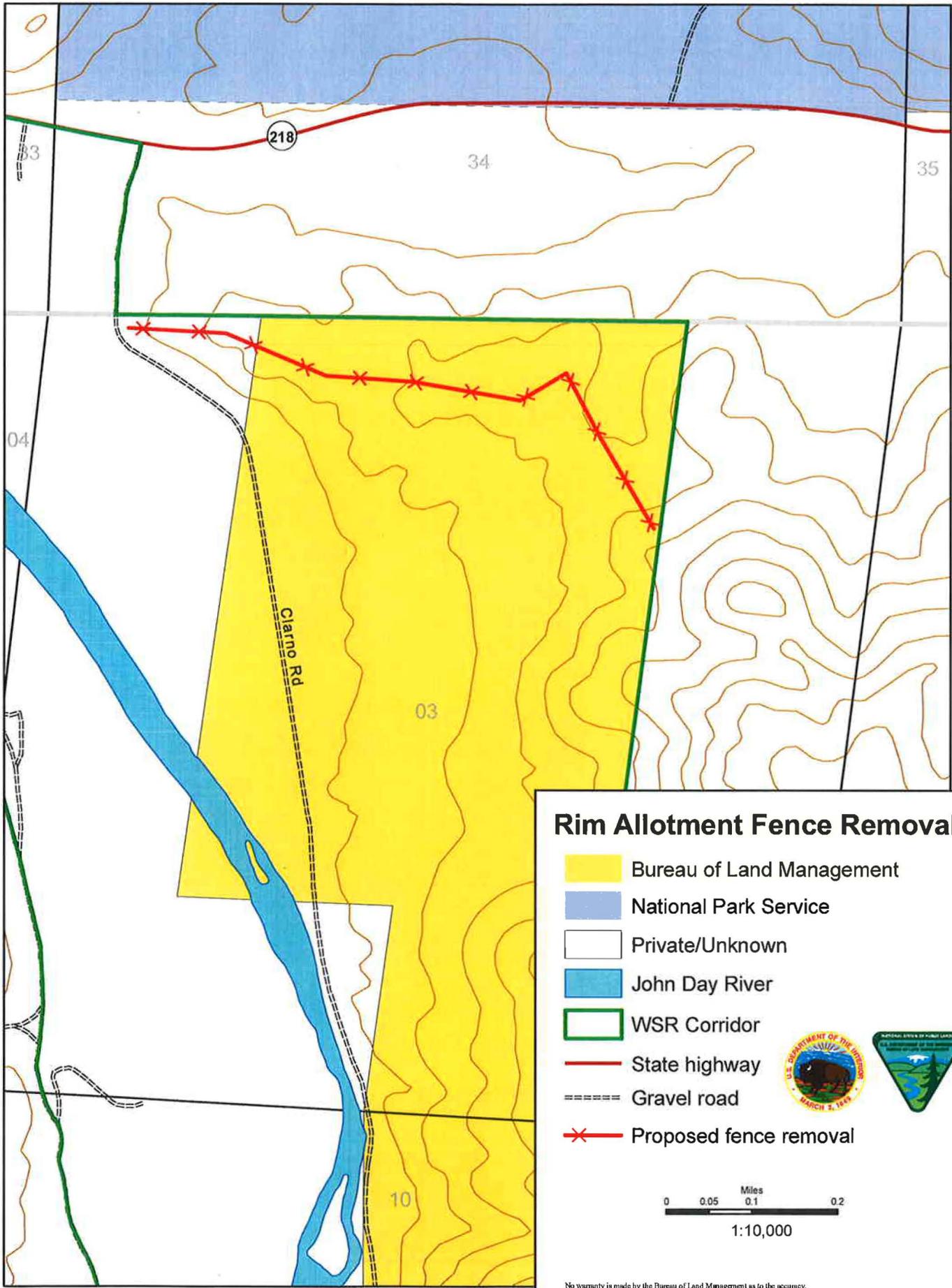
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CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION		YES	NO
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:			
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: The proposed action would remove a small barrier and potential minor hazard on the landscape.			
2.2	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.		X
Rationale: The proposed action does not have significant impacts on the items listed. The lands associated with the proposed action does not have park, refuge, wilderness, national monuments, national natural landmarks, principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, and ecologically significant or critical areas.			
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: The proposed action has no identified highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.			
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: The proposed action has no highly uncertain, potentially significant, unique or unknown risks.			
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: The proposed action is within the limits of acceptable environmental effects. The action does not set a precedent for future actions as fence removal is a commonplace action on public lands.			

2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: Similar past actions, to the proposed action, did not result in significant direct, indirect or cumulative environmental effects.		
2.7 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.		X
Rationale: The fence is not considered historically important.		
2.8 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.		X
Rationale: Fence removal would not affect listed species.		
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: The proposed action conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the Code of Federal Regulations, which complies with all applicable laws.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: The fence removal would have no measurable effect on low income or minority populations.		
2.11 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).		X
Rationale: There is no documentation of limited access or use of sacred Indian ceremonial sites regarding the proposed action.		
2.12 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).		X
Rationale: The proposed action would not measurably change the rate of introduction, continued existence or spread of noxious weeds or invasive species.		



Rim Allotment Fence Removal

- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- Private/Unknown
- John Day River
- WSR Corridor
- State highway
- Gravel road
- Proposed fence removal



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