

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville Field Office

NEPA Log #: DOI - BLM - OR – P060 - 2013 - 0020 -CX

Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #: OR-54823

Proposed Action Title: Bend Aero Modelers ROW Renewal

Location: The project area is approximately 11 miles southeast of Bend, Oregon, off Highway 20.

Willamette Meridian, Oregon
T. 19 S., R. 14 E.,
sec. 10, SE¼NE¼NE¼;
sec. 11, W½NE¼NW¼, S½NW¼NW¼;

Description of the Proposed Action: To renew for a period of 20 years, an existing ROW to Bend Aero Modelers for a radio controlled flying field for model airplanes. The existing ROW was issued in 1992 after the completion of Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-OR-P060-1992-0072-EA. The ROW totals 5.75 acres and includes a paved runway measuring 550' X 80', a club house (approximately 10 x 20 feet), portable set-up tables, pilot stations, fence (to protect spectators during flight operation) and portable toilets. The ROW would continue to include a number of stipulations that protect wilderness values and deer winter range habitat.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Upper Deschutes Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). Date approved (ROD): September 2005.

The proposed action is in conformance with the above RMP: See page 135 which provides, "BLM administered lands will continue to be available for rights-of-way, including multiple use and single use utility, following existing routes and roads".

Also, see page 99 states that "specific VRM classifications for lands within the planning area are shown on RMP Map 10." Page 100 states that "The immediate foreground view of State Highway 20..." is designated as VRM Class 3.

C. Compliance with NEPA

I have reviewed the initial EA completed in 1992 and find no significant changes in the area that would cause a need to do additional analysis. Although the Oregon Badlands Wilderness was been formerly designated since the 1992 analysis was completed, the analysis treated the existing Badlands WSA as having wilderness values. The stipulations included in the proposed ROW renewal permit prohibit model airplane flights from occurring over the Oregon Badlands Wilderness Area. In addition, this area has been used by the BLM as a community pit for mining of aggregate and is adjacent to an existing Material Site ROW issued to the State of Oregon for mining of gravel and crushing and storage of rock.

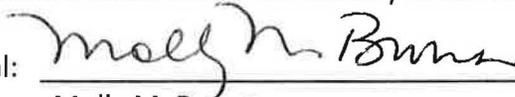
The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 6, Appendix 5, E. Realty (9) "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations", dated 1/30/2008.

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 apply. See attached CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation checklist.

D. Signature

I have considered this proposed action to renew this right-of-way and have found that this action has no significant affect either individually or cumulatively on the human environment.

Authorizing official:



Molly M. Brown

Field Manager, Deschutes Resource Area

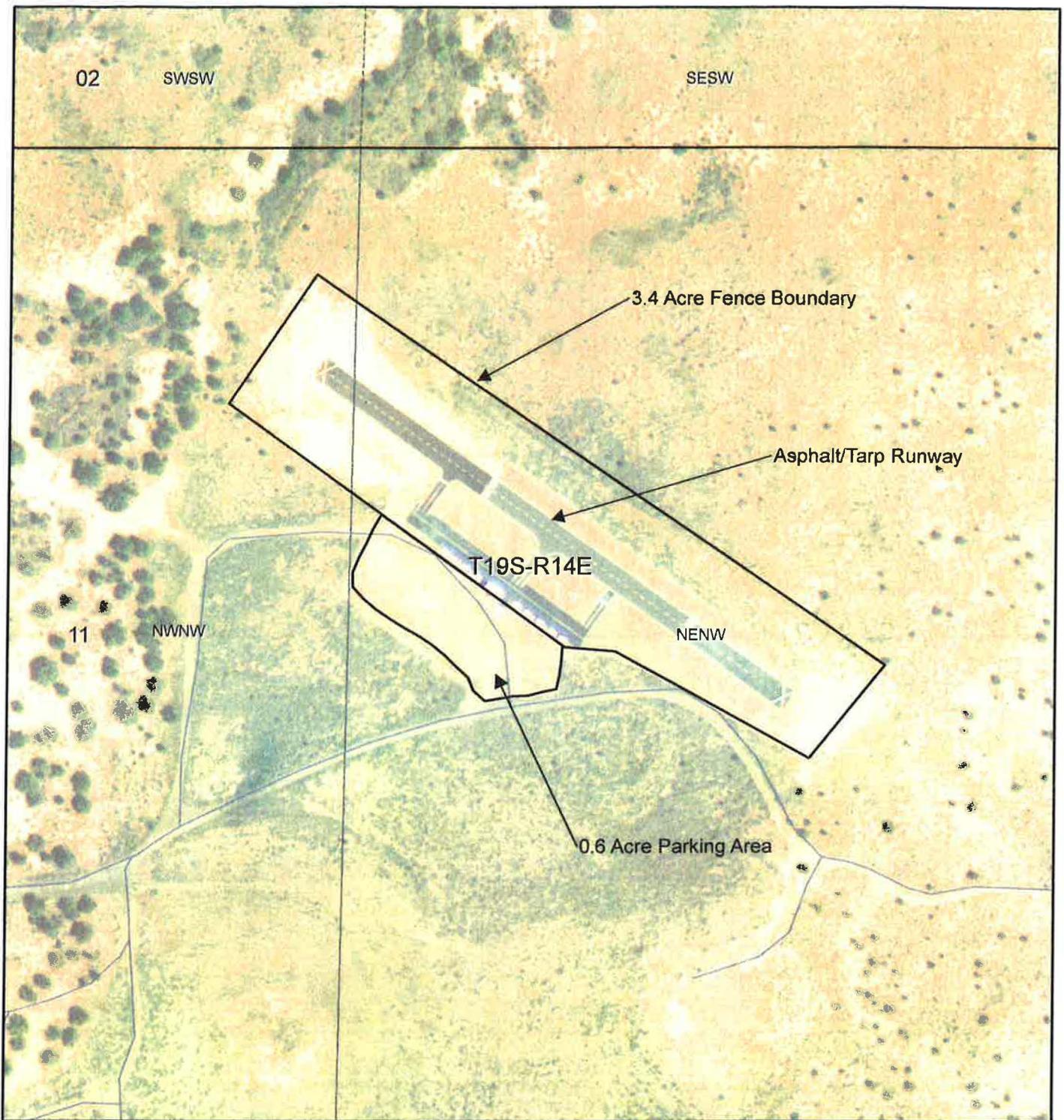
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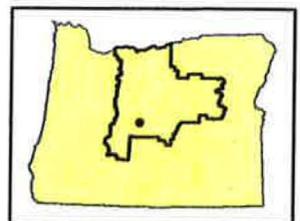
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CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION		YES	NO
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:			
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: This existing radio controlled flying field facility for model airplanes has been in existence since 1992 and has had no significant impacts on public health or safety and would continue to have no significant impacts on public health or safety. They are required to maintain liability insurance as well and there is a safety area around the runway.			
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: This facility is not within park, recreation or refuge lands; or with any 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. However this existing facility is southeast of the Oregon Badlands Wilderness area and has had no effect on wildlife.			
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: This proposed action is for the continued use to operate, maintain and terminate a Radio Controlled Model Airplane Runway that is in good condition and has been in use for many years. This facility has not been controversial or raised resource conflicts in the past. Accordingly, it is expected that it would not have any controversial effects or involve unresolved conflicts with available resources.			
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: This proposed action would have no effects on the human environment that are considered to be highly uncertain or involve 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: This proposed action applies only to this ROW and would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.			
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: There are no other known significant activities in the Project area that have an impact on or that would be impacted by the Project, accordingly significant cumulative effects are not predicted to occur with respect to this proposal.			

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 proposed action would not have significant impacts to listed, or eligible for listing properties on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		
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: The proposed action would not 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.		
2.9 Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: This proposed action would not violate any Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: This proposed action would not have effects 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: This proposed action would not 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.		
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: No new construction or alteration to the existing facility is planned. However, if equipment is brought into the area, it is to be washed prior to entering onto BLM land.		

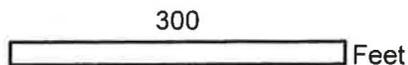


Compliance for OR-054823
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| OR-054823 Features | Oregon State Parks |
| PLSS Township | Bureau of Land Management |
| PLSS Sections | U.S. Forest Service |
| Quarter Quarter Section | National Park Service |
| Cities District | U.S. Fish and Wildlife |
| Major Highways | Bureau of Indian Affairs |
| Arterial Road | Other Federal |
| Collector Road | State |
| Local or Resource Road | Local Government |
| Trails | Private/Unknown |
| ODF Ownership | |
| Division State Lands | |



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