

# Categorical Exclusion Documentation

## A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville Field Office

NEPA Log #: DOI - BLM - OR – P060 - 2014 – 0026 - CX

Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #: OR-61170

Action Title: Assign Road ROW from Thornburgh Resort LLC to Central Land and Cattle Co. LLC

Location: Project area is approximately 8 air miles west of the City of Redmond.

Willamette Meridian  
T. 15S., R. 12E.,  
Section 8, E/12  
Section: 9, W1/2SW1/4  
T. 15S., R. 13E.,  
Section: 28, S1/2SW1/4  
Section: 29, W1/2NW/14  
Section: 30, E1/2NE1/4

**Description of the Proposed Action:** *Authorize the assignment of Road ROW from Thornburgh Resort LLC to Central Land and Cattle Company LLC. THIS IS A NAME CHANGE ONLY.*

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

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

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 135, Transportation and Utilities, Objective TU-1, "Provide new or modified rights-of-way for transportation/utility corridors and communication /energy sites to meet expected demands and minimize environmental impacts." Guideline 1 states, "BLM administered lands will continue to be available for ROWs, including multiple use and single use utility/transportation corridors, following existing routes and roads.

## C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, (9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. 516 DM 11.9, Actions Eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CX), 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 considered *this assignment of the road right-of-way (name change)* and have found that it has no significant affect either individually or cumulatively on the human environment.

Authorizing official:  3/18/14  
 Molly M. Brown, Manager  
 Deschutes Resource Area  
 Date

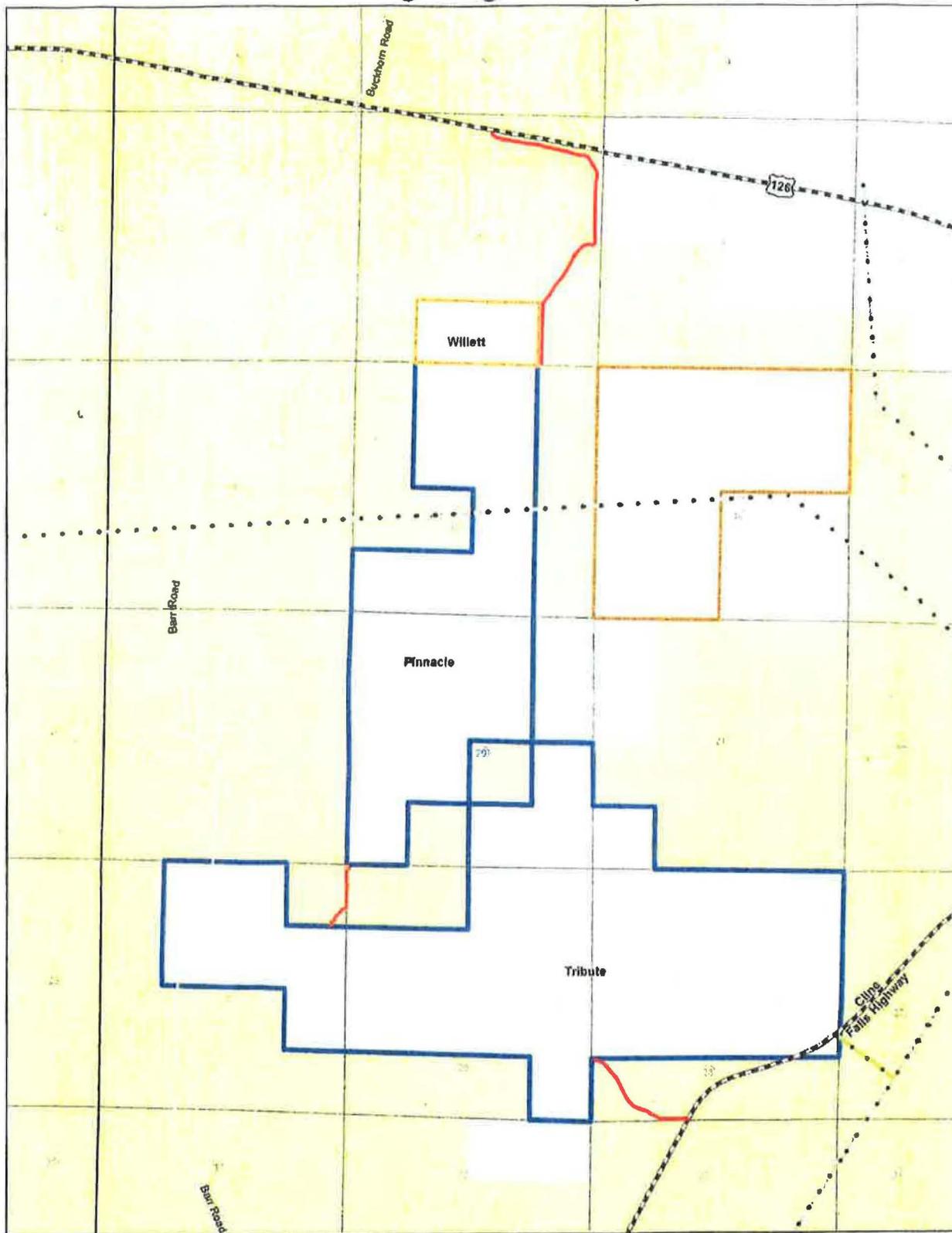
**Contact Person**

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<b>CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION</b> The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: All proposed activities would follow established Occupational and Safety and Health Administration rules concerning health and safety.		
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 proposed action does not include any actions for Wilderness Study Areas or for lands being managed for wilderness character. There are no wilderness qualities on public lands proposed for this communication site. <b><u>This action is for a name change only.</u></b>		
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 to assign the ROW in name only. The existing road ROW which was granted on 7/16/2007, and it would not have highly controversial effects or unresolved conflicts with available resources.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: An EA: OR-056-05-066 was completed in January of 2007 for the purpose of issuing a road row to the proposed resort. No environmental effects met the definition of significance in		

road row to the proposed resort. No environmental effects met the definition of significance in context or intensity as defined in 40 CFR 1508.27 and do not exceed effects described in the UDRMP/FEIS.		
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 for a name change only 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: This action will have no direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant 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 BLM conducted cultural surveys in the project area and determined that the proposed action would not result in significant impacts to cultural resources.		
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: This 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. This is a name change only.		
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 conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the Prineville District's UDRMP/ROD 2005, which complies with all applicable laws, such as the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and others.		
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 affect low income or minority populations. (Executive Order 12898)		
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: Cultural clearance was previously identified.		
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 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.		

# Thornburgh Right-of-Way



**T15S R12E**

R8 Albers Projection  
NAD 1983 Datum



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## Legend

Thornburgh Property **Transmission Line**

Willett Property

Eagle Crest

### Transportation

Highway

Local Road

New Road

New

Existing

### Administered Land

Bureau of Land Management

State

Private or Undefined