

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville Field Office

NEPA Log #: DOI - BLM - OR – P040 – 2014 – 0027 - CX

Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #: 3605006

Proposed Action Title: Crooked River Exclusion Fence Repair

Location: 1.5 miles west of Post, Oregon (see map attached)

Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to repair about ½ mile of fence on the south side of the Crooked River in the Bonnieview grazing allotment. This is an existing riparian fence that follows the Crooked River for the entire length of both private and BLM property in the allotment, see map attached. It needs extensive maintenance to become operational again, which includes re-setting fence posts, re-stringing wire, and possibly installing other fence structures, as needed. The old fence has not been GPS'd, so it is not included on the map.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Brothers/La Pine RMP

Date approved (ROD): July 1989

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:

"Fences are constructed to provide exterior allotment boundaries, divide allotments into pastures, protect streams and riparian zones and control livestock." Page 87

*"Stream riparian areas will continue to be protected and managed to provide full vegetative potential. This is accomplished by grazing management and fence construction and **maintenance** if warranted by multiple use benefits." Page 86.*

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, 1.7: Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, **maintenance**, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

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

This fence will be repaired per BLM guidelines to be wildlife friendly, to mitigate any issues with wildlife passage.

Authorizing official: H.F. Chip Faver Date: 5/9/14

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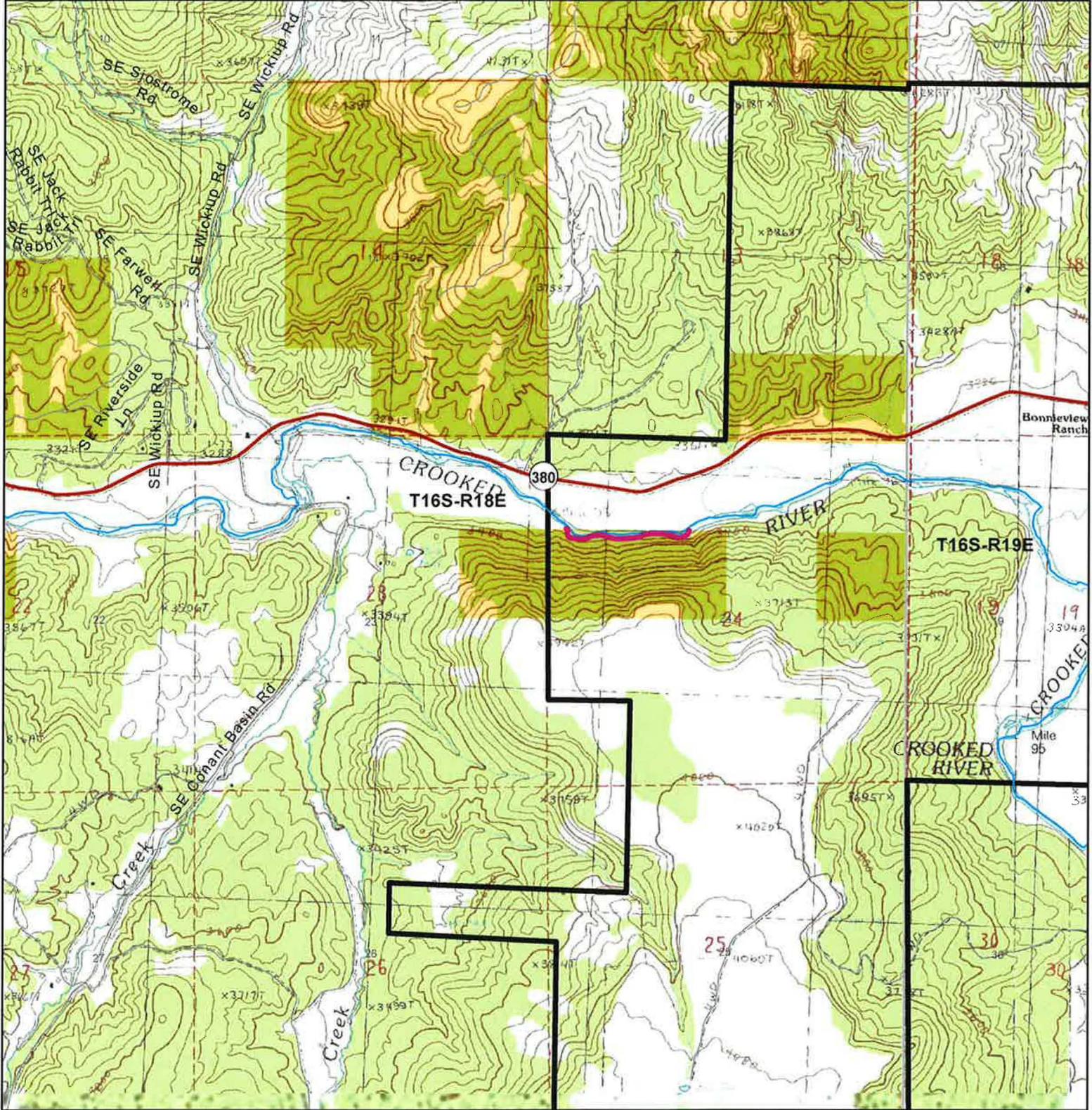
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CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION		YES	NO
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:			
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		x
Rationale: There would be no impacts on public health or safety.			
2.2	Have significant 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: There would be no new impacts to historic or cultural resources, as the same footprint would be used to rebuild the fence, and no heavy equipment will be allowed on the fence line. The proposed action does not include any actions within or near Wilderness Study Areas or for lands containing or being managed for wilderness character.			
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		x
Rationale: There are no highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. The fence is an existing feature on the landscape. The action is to perform routine and continuing maintenance on existing facilities.			
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		x
Rationale: There are no known highly uncertain or potentially significant environment effects or unique or unknown environmental risks. The fence line is an existing feature on the landscape. The action is to perform routine and continuing maintenance on existing facilities.			

2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		x
Rationale: Implementation would not set precedence for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. The BLM routinely performs fence reconstruction and maintenance and the fence currently exists on the landscape.			
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		x
Rationale: Implementation does not have any known direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulative 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: No eligible or listed properties on the NRHP would be affected by the proposed project.			
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: There are no Threatened or Endangered species or designated Critical Habitat within the watershed of the proposed action.			
2.9	Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		x
Rationale: Implementation would not violate any known law or regulation imposed for the protection of the environment. The fence is an existing feature on the landscape. The action is to perform routine and continuing maintenance on existing facilities.			
2.10	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		x
Rationale: Implementation would not have any 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: Access to or integrity of Indian sacred sites would not be affected by the proposed project.			
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: Noxious weeds are known to be present in close proximity to this area. If invasive species are present, they will be recorded by location and species to assist with treatment. Equipment and boots will be checked prior to entering and exiting the project area.			



Legend

- Major Streams and Rivers
- Allotments (Archival)
- Cities District
- Highways
- Roads
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Private



Bonnieview Allotment

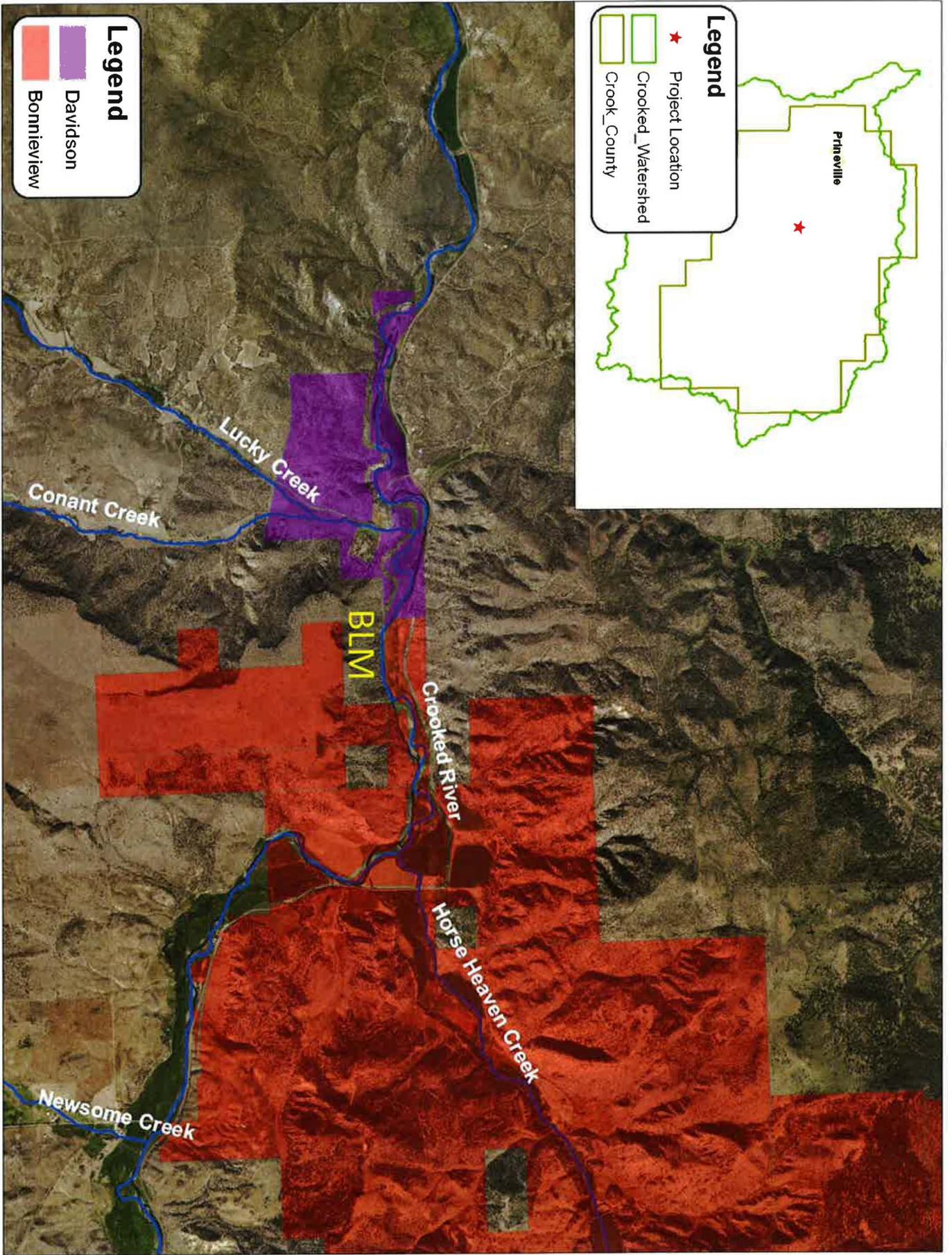


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otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (c) The likelihood of immediate or irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413); Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205; at the same time the original documents are filed with this office.

Attachments: Categorical Exclusion Documentation
Project Area Map