

Prineville District
**Land Use Plan Conformance and
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**
Review and Approval

Name of Proposed Action: Hay Creek Allotment (#7535) Grazing Lease Renewal

DNA Number: OR-056-08-105

Location of Proposed Action: Approximately 9 miles east of Madras, Oregon. (See attached map).

Allotment Summary: 454 public land acres; 52 Active AUMs.

Purpose of and Need for Action: The current lease will expire in 2009, and there is a need to renew it.

Description of the Proposed Action: Renew the grazing lease for a period of ten years. No changes would be made to the terms and conditions shown on the current lease.

Plan Conformance:

The proposed action is in conformance with the Two Rivers RMP of June 1986. Livestock grazing specific to this custodial allotment is shown on pages 45 and 49 of this RMP.

Applicable NEPA document and related documents:

The following NEPA documents and related documents address the proposed action:

Two Rivers Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS), 1985;
Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Record of Decision (ROD)/Rangeland Program Summary (RPS), June 1986.

NEPA Adequacy Criteria:

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Yes. There are no proposed changes to that management described in the RMP.
2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances? Yes. Alternatives in the planning documents (page 6 of the Two Rivers RMP/ROD/RPS; page 12 of the Two Rivers RMP/Final EIS) ranged from emphasis of commodity production to emphasis of natural values, which included the elimination of all livestock grazing as an alternative. The range appears to be appropriate given the current issues.
3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened,

endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action? Yes. There has been no new information collected since the current permit was issued in 2006.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action? Yes. The Two Rivers RMP/Final EIS addressed impacts of continued grazing and provided objectives and recommendations to facilitate maintenance of existing ecological condition trends.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action? Yes. Impacts resulting from grazing are essentially unchanged from those from those analyzed in the Two Rivers RMP/Final EIS. The RMP/EIS (pages 58-72) stated grazing would produce a slight short-term negative impact to soils, water quality, vegetation; a beneficial impact on wildlife; and no impact on air quality, water, forestland, recreation; areas of critical concern are visual resources, energy and mineral, or socio-economics.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Yes. The Two Rivers RMP/EIS does not specifically address cumulative impacts of grazing but does address long-term impacts of the action with the assumption that the grazing activity would continue (impact analysis is on pages 58-72 of Draft Two Rivers RMP/EIS). Recommendations and objectives in the document reflect the impacts and expected improvements that would continue with the ongoing grazing. The proposed action is substantially unchanged from the analyzed impacts.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action? Yes. A copy of this worksheet will be mailed to the lessee upon his request.

Mitigation Measures:

The following mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the proposed action:

A manual supplement, entitled, "Rangeland Monitoring in Oregon and Washington", was developed and adopted by the BLM as a guidance document. The Prineville District also developed a district-monitoring plan. Both of these documents receive periodic review and revision. These documents provide a framework and minimum standards for choosing the timing and study methods to collect information needed to issue decisions which affect grazing management as well as watershed, wildlife and threatened and endangered species.

Cultural Resources: It is recognized that grazing level decisions, as documented in Allotment Management Plans (AMP), AMP amendments, allotment evaluations, and Land Use Plans (LUP) constitute undertakings as defined in 36 CFR 800. However, given the normally low level of definable threat to cultural resource values associated with such actions, the following procedure shall be applied:

Allotment Management Plans, AMP amendments, allotment evaluations and similar actions associated with dispersed livestock grazing decisions shall be exempted from the Section 106 procedures except for locations within allotments where specific land disturbing developments are initiated by that action or where sites particularly sensitive to grazing levels are known.

If specific ground disturbing developments are proposed for the allotment, such as fence construction, spring development, etc, or water trough or salting stations are established that congregate livestock in specific locations, the rangeland management specialist will inform the cultural resource specialist about those proposed actions and the appropriate level of cultural clearances will be completed in accordance with the Oregon Protocol Agreement.

List of Reviewers/Preparers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
Bill Dean	Wildlife, Special Status Animals
Ron Gregory	Cultural Resources
Ron Halvorson	Botany, Special Status Plants
Michelle McSwain	Hydrology, Riparian, Watershed
Jim Eisner	Fisheries, Special Status Fish
Teal Purrington	NEPA

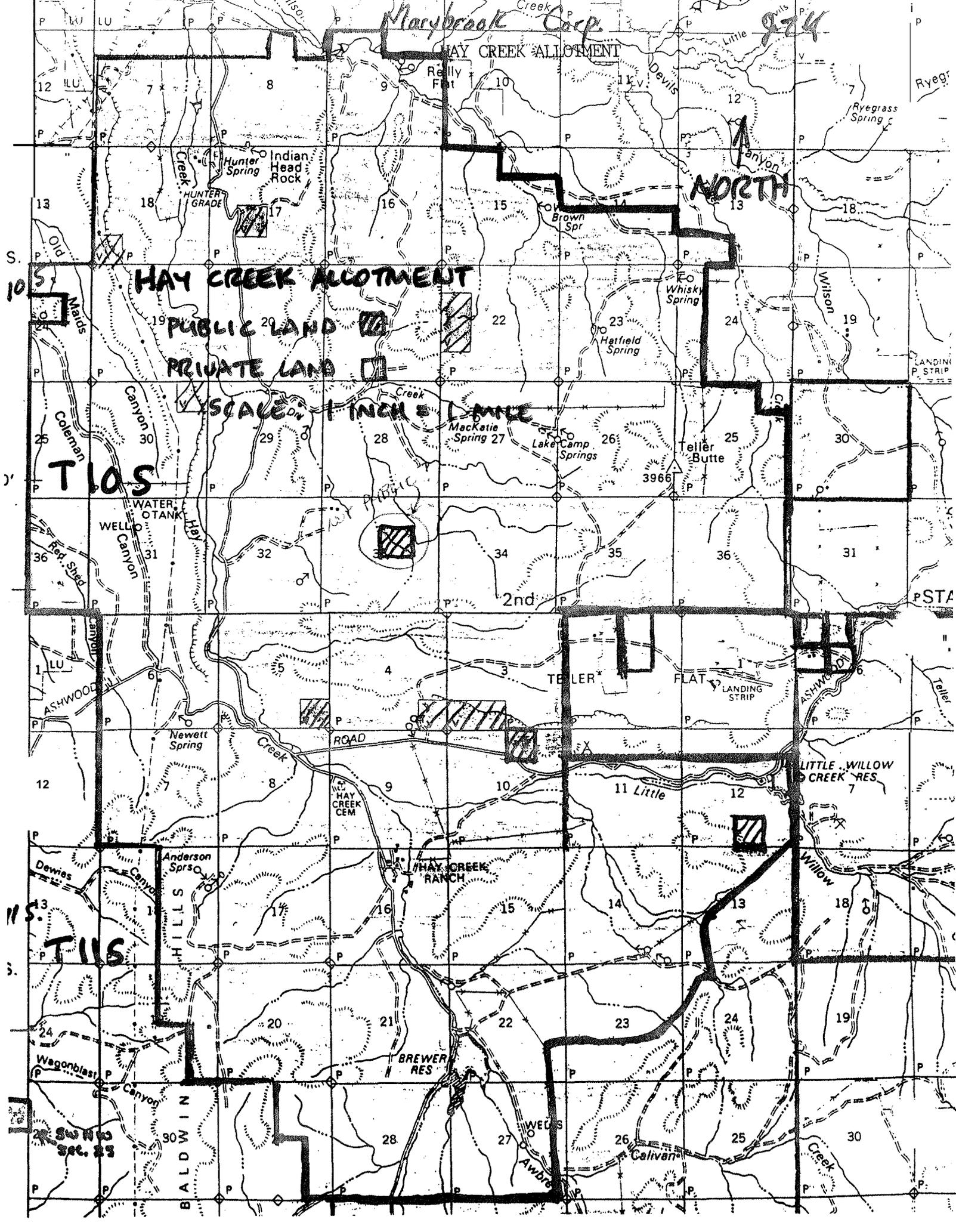
Approval

The proposed action and any specified mitigation measure(s) has been determined to meet the criteria for a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). No additional environmental analysis required. All cultural specialists and T&E plant, wildlife and fish specialists have provided clearances for the proposed project.

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.


Molly Brown
Field Manager

Note: The signature on this Worksheet is part of all interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and cannot be appealed,



Marybrook Corp.

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PUBLIC LAND

PRIVATE LAND

SCALE 1 INCH = 1 MILE

TLOS

HAY CREEK RANCH

BREWSTER RES.

BALDWIN

SW 1/4 Sec. 29

NORTH

S. 10

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