

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

A. Background

Name of Proposed Action: Grazing Lease Renewal, Finely Allotment (7595)

DNA Number: DOI-BLM-OR-P060-2009-0063-DNA

Location of Proposed Action: One mile south of La Pine, Oregon (see attached map)

Allotment Summary: 1,304 acres of public land; 72 AUMs (72 active, 0 suspended); season of use from May 1 to October 3.

Purpose of and Need for Action: This action is part of the required NEPA process to renew a grazing lease. The current lessee's grazing authorization in the Finely Allotment is due to expire on February 28, 2010.

Description of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is to issue a grazing lease for the Finely Allotment for a term of ten years in accordance with 43 CFR 4130.2(d), "*The term of grazing permits or leases authorizing livestock grazing on the public lands and other lands under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management shall be 10 years...*" All current terms and conditions, AUMs, and season of use will remain unchanged.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

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

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable plan because it is specifically provided for in the following land use plan decision: Upper Deschutes ROD and RMP, September 2005; page 76, Objective LG-1: "*...provide for continued livestock grazing...*"; page 78, Allocation/Allowable Uses, No. 8: "*Livestock grazing will continue to be allowed for allotments in the "Open category in the Grazing Matrix..."*"; and page 85 Table 4, which shows allotment 7595 "open" for grazing.

C. Applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and related documents to the Proposed Action

The following NEPA document covers the proposed action.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Proposed Upper Deschutes RMP and Final EIS, January 2005.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, the proposed action is essentially the same as the Preferred Alternative analyzed in the Upper Deschutes RMP FEIS, Volume 2, pages 183 – 192 and Volume 3, Appendix G pages 207 – 211. The proposed action is located within the same geographic area previously analyzed in the listed NEPA documents.

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, and resource values?

Yes, the Upper Deschutes RMP FEIS compared the relative likelihood of grazing conflicts across allotments within the Planning Area, and analyzed the effects of discontinued grazing in areas where potential for conflicts was highest. This approach is still appropriate for the proposed action.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes, the existing analysis remains valid based on the Upper Deschutes RMP FEIS. There is no new information or circumstances that would substantially change the analysis of the proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes, the same effects that would result from the proposed action were analyzed in the Upper Deschutes RMP FEIS for the alternatives in Volume 2, pages 5 – 154 and pages 183 – 192.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes, the list of “interested publics” is updated on a regular basis and many of the individuals and organizations on the current “interested publics” list are the same as those on the mailing list for the planning and NEPA documents listed. A final copy of this DNA and the subsequent Proposed Decision will be posted on the Prineville District’s internet page for public review. A printed copy of these documents would be available on request.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

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Lyle Andrews	Rangeland Management Specialist	Range
Cassandra Hummel	Natural Resource Specialist	Wildlife
Jim Eisner	Fisheries Biologist	Fisheries
Terry Holtzapple	Archeologist	Cultural Resources
JoAnne Armson	Natural Resource Specialist	Botany, Special Status Plants
Anna Smith	Hydrologist	Hydrology
Jennifer Moffitt	Natural Resource Specialist	Soils
Tom Mottl	Recreation Planner	Recreation
Teal Purrington	Planning and Environmental Coordinator	NEPA Compliance
Michelle McSwain	Assistant Field Manager	Management

Note: Refer to the listed EIS/EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

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

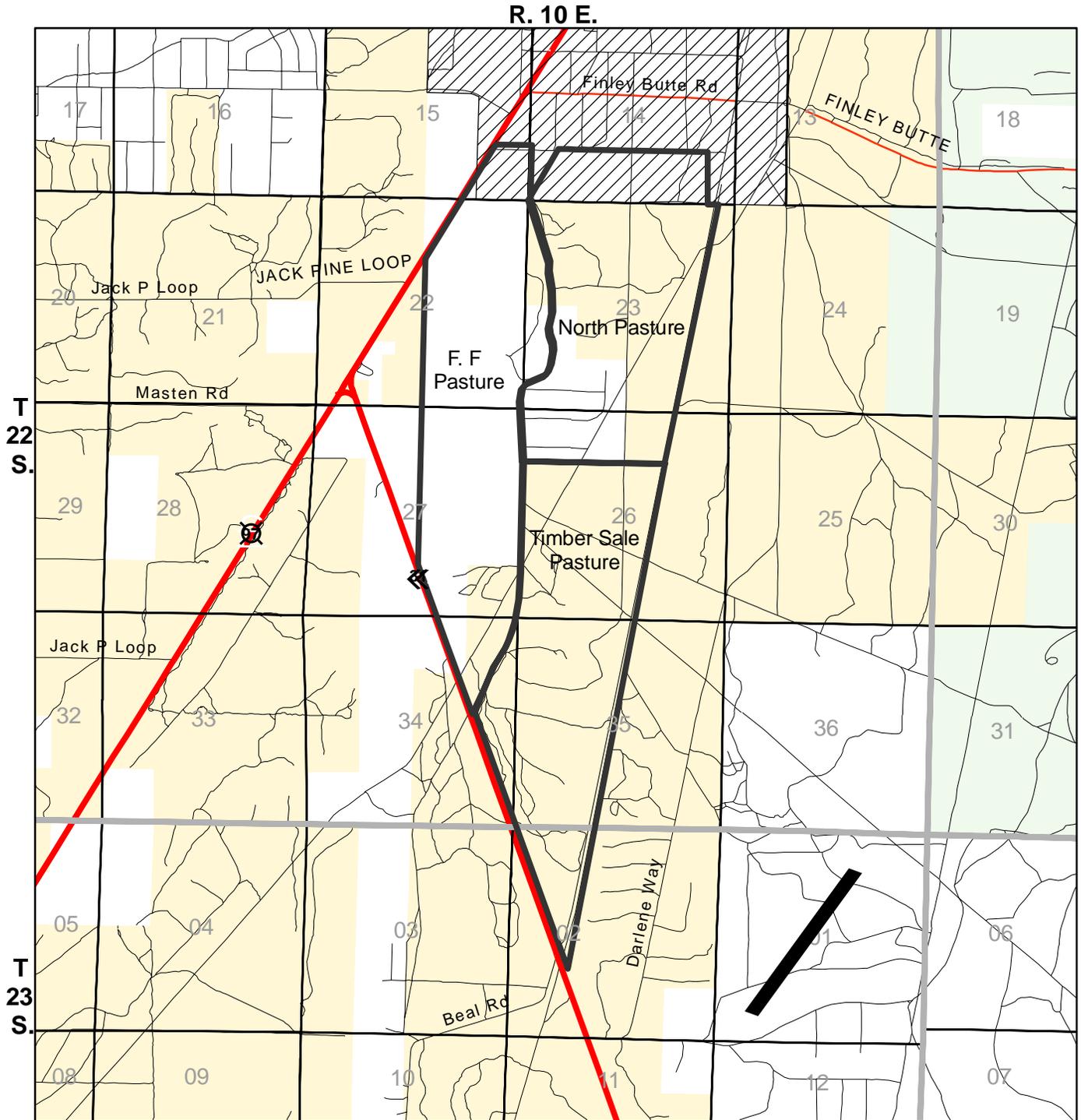
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Responsible Official: /S/ Molly Brown 12/01/09
Molly Brown, Deschutes Resource Area Field Manager Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM’s internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program specific regulations.

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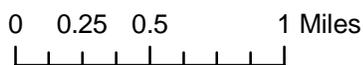
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Legend

- Allotment
- La Pine
- Major Highways
- Arterial Road
- Resource Road
- BLM
- USFS
- Private