

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville District

NEPA Log #: DOI-BLM-OR-P060-2014-0012-DNA

Location:

Lower Deschutes Wild and Scenic River

Proposed Action Title:

Edit to Supplement to the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan (1997)

Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would clarify language in the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan (LDRMP). The LDRMP is composed of two decision documents: The February 1993 Record of Decision for the LDRMP and the June 1997 Decision on the Supplement to the LDRMP. The proposed action is to change one word in the LDRMP language in the 1997 Supplement, page 11, #6, from:

*"If or when an allocation system is implemented, peak day use will be reduced by 10 percent per year until the **daily** target for a given segment is met. Seasonal use targets for each segment will continue to be based on 1990 seasonal levels as prescribed by the plan."*

to:

*"If or when an allocation system is implemented, peak day use will be reduced by 10 percent per year until the **seasonal** target for a given segment is met. Seasonal use targets for each segment will continue to be based on 1990 seasonal levels as prescribed by the plan."*

This change is needed because this is an error in writing and a fundamental flaw for the purposes of continuing to implement the Limited Entry allocation system by the river managers as it was intended. Changing this word would reflect the intent of the authors in regards to implementing the Limited Entry allocation system. The river managers have interpreted and implemented the allocation system as intended by reducing daily limits in an effort to meet the seasonal target.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Two Rivers Resource Management Plan

Date approved (ROD): June, 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions (objectives, terms, conditions):

“Various types of administrative actions will require special attention beyond the scope of this plan. Administrative actions are the day to day transactions required to serve the public and to provide optimal use of the resources. These actions are in conformance with the plan.” (Page 5)

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and related documents that cover the proposed action

The following NEPA documents (EA, DEIS, FEIS) cover the proposed action:

- *Lower Deschutes River Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (LDRMP FEIS) -January, 1993*
- *Supplement to the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan Environmental Assessment (The Supplement EA) - June, 1997*

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 a feature of an alternative analyzed in the LDRMP FEIS and The Supplement EA. The project is located in the same area as analyzed in the LDRMP FEIS and The Supplement EA.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes, the range of alternatives remains appropriate with the proposed action. There is simply a replacement of one word with another to clarify intent.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, 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 is valid and there is no new information that would substantially change the analysis of a new proposed action. Additionally, there are no wilderness characteristics on the Lower Deschutes River.

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)?

No, this change would allow the managing agencies to continue to implement the allocation system as it was intended by the decision maker on the LDRMP and The Supplement.

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

Yes, the Lower Deschutes Working Group and Managers Group are aware of the mistake and would like to see it formally corrected.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff consulted

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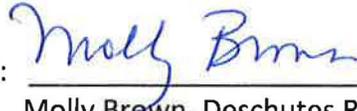
Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

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.

Signature

Responsible official:



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.

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