

**D. Categorical Exclusions - Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation:**

THE PROPOSED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION WILL:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: Reauthorizing the lease will not have a significant impact on public 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: The project area is not located in any park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, or national natural landmarks. There are no prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, national monuments or other ecologically significant or critical areas present in the project area. There will be no notable impacts to water resources. There will be no ground disturbing activities; however, there will be some vegetative management (yard maintenance) activity. Removal and/or modification of shrubs, small trees/seedlings, and forbs during the critical nesting/breeding season (April-July) of migratory birds would cause a loss of habitat and the potential direct loss of nests and/or young. These losses would be isolated and would affect those species that nest on the ground or within shrubs. However, this action will not affect migratory birds at the population level.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)].		X
Rationale: The 1995 ROD/RMP established management direction to continue to lease OR 37070. As such, there are no unresolved conflicts regarding implementation of this type of action.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: Reauthorizing the lease for a thirty-year term will not have highly uncertain or potentially significant impacts, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: Leases are an identified use of BLM lands under the 1995 ROD/RMP, and, as such, this project would represent implementation of that land use plan decision, not a decision in principle on future actions. The Late- Successional Reserves Allocation provides for retaining and maintaining existing developments, such as utility corridors consistent with other management actions/direction for Late-successional Reserves. The Riparian Reserves Allocation provide for issuing leases to avoid adverse effects that retard or prevent attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives. Such leases on BLM lands have been issued throughout Oregon, and have not been shown to have potentially significant environmental impacts, nor set a precedent for future actions.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: Renewing the lease does not effectively alter the existing environmental conditions of the project area and will not have 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 issuance of a FLPMA lease that does not authorize ground disturbance is exempt from normal survey requirements under Appendix E of the 1998 Oregon Protocol. The issuance extends a lease that has been ongoing for years and will not change routine activities that are currently occurring on the parcel of land, none of which include substantial ground disturbance. Furthermore, there are no known cultural resources or National Register properties on the parcel. Therefore, the action has “no effect” on any documented cultural resources. The BLM has completed is Section 106 responsibilities as guided by the 1998 Oregon Protocol and 2012 National Programmatic Agreement.		
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as an Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
Rationale: <i>Northern Spotted Owl</i> - The occupancy lease renewal for an existing garage would not cause removal or modification to suitable or dispersal habitat. The closest known spotted owl site is located approximately 350 yards from the occupied lease		