Rabbit Mountain Fire
Emergency Stabilization, Rehabilitation and Restoration

Decision Record

Bureau of Land Management
South River Field Office, Roseburg District
(DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2014-0001-CX)

It is my decision to authorize Rabbit Mountain Fire Emergency Stabilization, Rehabilitation and Restoration as described in the attached Categorical Exclusion (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2014-0001-CX). Based on the attached Categorical Exclusion, I have determined that the proposed action will have no significant impact to the human environment and no further environmental analysis is required.

Rationale for the Decision

Evaluation of potential effects to special status botanical and wildlife species indicates there will be minimal impacts to special status species or habitats. Implementation of the project design features will minimize or eliminate potential impacts to special status botanical or wildlife species. No suitable habitat for Survey and Manage species will be modified or removed.

The project area is within the Zone 2 Seasonal Restriction Corridor for the marbled murrelet. Activities would be designed such that no suitable marbled murrelet habitat would be modified or removed. Daily operating restrictions, two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset, will occur in unsurveyed suitable habitat or occupied habitat during the nesting season, typically April 1 through August 5, both dates inclusive.

No activity is proposed within northern spotted owl nest patches or core areas. No suitable northern spotted owl habitat will be removed or modified.

Botanical clearances will be used to design ground disturbing activities to avoid special status plant species.

Archeological surveys will be used to design ground disturbing activities to avoid effects to identified sites.

Protest Procedures

The decision described in this document is a forest management decision. Administrative remedies are available to persons who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. The 15 day protest period will be open for formal protest starting December 21, 2013. To protest a forest management decision, a person must submit a written and signed protest to the South River Field Manager, 777 NW Garden Valley Boulevard, Roseburg, OR 97471 by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on January 6, 2014. The protest must clearly and concisely state which portion or element of the decision is being protested and why it is believed to be in error, as well as cite applicable regulations. Faxed or emailed protests will not be considered.

For further information, contact Steve Lydick, Field Manager, South River Field Office, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. Roseburg, OR 97471, (541) 440-4930.

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12/20/13
Date