

**U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Roseburg District, Oregon**

Swiftwater Recreation Sites Programmatic Actions

DECISION RECORD

An Interdisciplinary (ID) Team of the Swiftwater Field Office, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management has analyzed the proposed **Swiftwater Recreation Sites Programmatic Actions** project. This analysis and the "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) were documented in Environmental Assessment (EA) No. OR-104-03-02. The thirty day public review and comment period was completed on April 4th, 2003. No comments were received as a result of public review.

This proposal is in conformance with the "*Final - Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/EIS)*" dated October 1994 and its associated *Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resources Management Plan (RMP)* dated June 2, 1995.

The EA analyzes the implementation of the "Proposed Action Alternative". The proposed action involves catastrophic repair of damaged recreation sites, scheduled maintenance, as well as upgrades or improvements to current recreation sites and trails. Potential projects would occur on eleven campgrounds and/or day-use areas, three trails, two boat launch sites, and one Watchable Wildlife Site at various locations throughout the Resource Area.

The EA that was released for public review was modified to analyze the treatment of waste materials (e.g., vegetative material, soil and rock excavation from construction activities, and man-made solid waste such as old concrete, pipes, etc.) that could be generated from the proposed actions. The EA has been modified to address this need and an Appendix H (Treatment of Waste from Recreation Site Maintenance and Operations) was added. These changes do not alter the analysis or conclusions of the EA.

Decision

It is my decision to authorize the implementation of the Proposed Action Alternative as outlined in the EA (Section II, pg. 4). The project design criteria for this alternative are listed on pages 5-7 of the EA. These features will be developed into contract stipulations and will be implemented as part of any service contract or in-house operating procedures.

Decision Rationale

The Proposed Action Alternative meets the objectives for recreation management actions/directions set forth in the *Final - Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/EIS)* dated October 1994 and its associated *Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resources Management Plan (RMP)* dated June 2, 1995.

Section II of the EA describes two alternatives: a "No Action" alternative and a Proposed Action" alternative. The No Action alternative was not selected because the EA did not identify any impacts of the Proposed Action that would be beyond those identified in the EIS and would not meet the objective to "provide for a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting a projected recreation demand" and that "provide for visitor safety".

Although much of the cultural clearance work has already been done for past recreation projects, surveys will continue to be conducted for new ground-disturbing activities and mitigation will be implemented as required. Routine activities of the types considered in the proposed action generally do not require State Historical Preservation Office review; however consultation would be initiated in the event that a particular project falls into the review category.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for this project has been completed. The Biological Opinion (February 21, 2003) concluded that the action is ". . . not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the spotted owl, murrelet, or bald eagle, and are not likely to adversely modify spotted owl or murrelet critical habitat".

The BLM has made a determination that this project would be a "no effect" for listed fish species, therefore consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - fisheries (NOAA) was not required.

This decision is based on the fact that the Proposed Action Alternative implements the Standards and Guidelines (S&G's) as stated in the NFP and the Management Actions / Directions of the RMP. The project design criteria as stated in the EA would protect the Riparian Reserves, minimize soil compaction, limit erosion, protect slope stability, wildlife, air, water quality, and fish habitat, as well as protect other identified resource values. This decision recognizes that impacts could occur to some of these resources, however, the impacts to resource values would not exceed those identified in the *Final - Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement* (PRMP/EIS).

Comments were solicited from affected tribal governments, and affected State and local government agencies. No comments were received from these sources. A thirty day public review period was provided for the review of the environmental analysis that supports this decision. No comments were received.

Compliance and Monitoring

Monitoring will be conducted as per the guidance given in the RMP (Appendix I).

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4, within 30 days after publication of a notice of decision in a newspaper of general circulation. If an appeal is taken, notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after the legal notice announcing the availability of this Decision Record appears in *The News Review*. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

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