

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WAOR65795 - FU-W-488

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-OR-134-2009-0007 DNA

Proposed Action Title: Douglas County Transportation & Land Services BLM Mineral Material Permit Renewal (Free Use Permit FU-W-488 - WAOR65795)

Location of Proposed Action: T. 22. N., R. 22 E., W.M., Section 10, SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to re-issue the free use permit to allow additional basalt to be removed from the site. All topsoil/overburden would be removed and stockpiled for final reclamation/revegetation. Initial operations would be to break up the basalt, either by mechanical ripping with a bulldozer or drilling and blasting. Once broken, the basalt would then be either scooped up with a front-end loader or pushed by a bulldozer into a hopper/grizzly which would feed the crusher. After crushing, the material would be put into stockpile(s) for future use on road projects. Production estimates are for about 12,000 cubic yards of material per year for a total production of 120,000 cubic yards over the 10-year permit term. Production or crushing operations will be sporadic and dependent on material needed and road maintenance schedules. The long term mine and reclamation plan and permit stipulations, already in place, assures that proper mining sequence, reclamation, and revegetation take place.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): "Keep public lands open for exploration/development of mineral resources, rights-of-way, access, and other public proposed with consideration to mitigate designated resource concerns." (Spokane RMP/ROD page 12)

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) or other related document(s) that cover the proposed action

Name and date of NEPA document(s):

EA# OR-134-09-04 Douglas County Mineral Material Site (Decision signed September 20, 1999)

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

- 1- Legal Notice - Wenatchee World Newspaper (9-26-1999) Notice of availability of EA and FONSI for OR-134-09-04 for reactivation and expansion of mineral material site FU-W-468.
- 2- Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the quarry by BLM Archaeologist (September 1999). No cultural resources were found in the quarry site.
- 3- Consultation letters (dated August 5, 1999) set to Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT), the Yakama Indian Nation, and the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP).
- 4- OAHP Letter (8-13-1999) concurred with BLM's Area of Potential Effect (APE).
- 5- Telephone call to CCT's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by BLM Archaeologist on September 9, 1999.
- 6- Memo (9-20-1999) from BLM Archaeologist to BLM Geologist - OHAP had "reviewed the project area and has concurred with the BLM's determination that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking."
- 7- Cultural report sent to the CCT THPO on May 10, 2000.
- 8- Email (2-4-2009) from District Botanist (P. Camp). Renewal of mineral material permit is authorized as long as expansion is not to west into basalt talus areas.
- 9- Memo (2-19-2009) from Staff Archaeologist (M. Perry). Since all activity under the Free Use Permit would take place in the area which has already been inventoried with no discovery of cultural resources and which was subject to consultation in 1999, no further consultation or inventory is needed and the permit may be renewed as requested.
- 10- Email (3-3-2009) from Wildlife Biologist (E. Ellis). The quarry does not provide significant habitat features which are unique, scarce or of significant quality for this area and no wildlife species of concern were observed in the quarry.

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 new proposed action is the same as the alternative analyzed previously in (EA# OR134-09-04). The proposed action covers the same analysis area.

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

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 new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes - Updated emails and memos from resource specialists indicate no new information that would 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?

Yes

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

Yes

E. Persons/Agencies/Consulted (BLM Staff Consulted are listed on the coversheet attached to this document, or available at the BLM office identified in Section A, above).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
See Archaeologist Memo dated 2-19-2009.		

F: Conclusion

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

_____/S/ Karen Kelleher____ 4/7/2009____
(Signature of Responsible Official) (Date)

Name: Karen Kelleher
Title: Manager

G. Contact Person

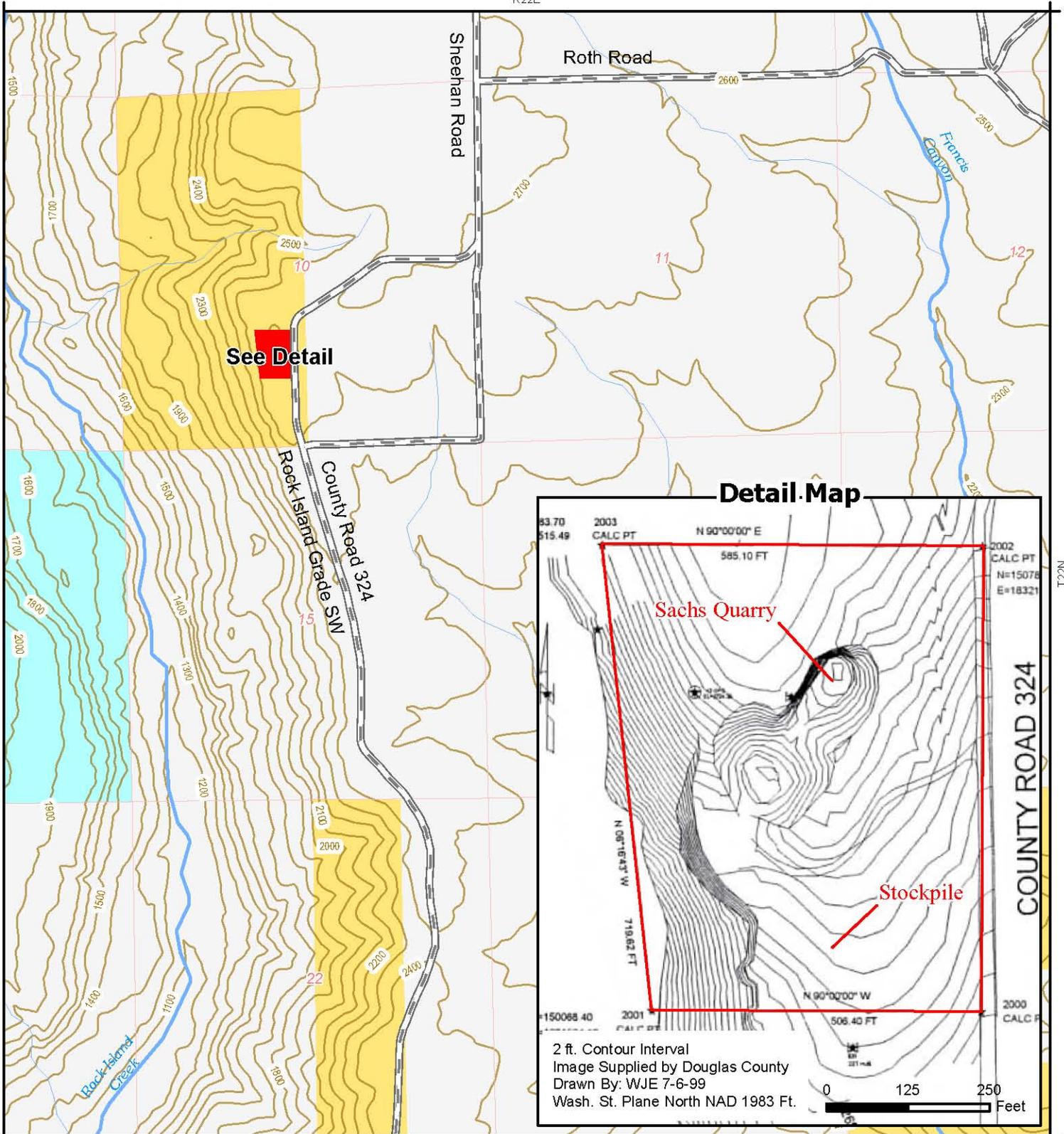
For additional information concerning this DNA, contact Brent Cunderla-Wenathcee Field Office Geologist

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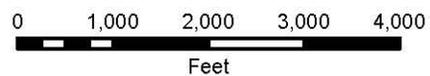
Douglas County Trans. & Land Services Mineral Material Permit

OR-134-09-DNA-0007

R22E



- Quarry Site (9.6 Acres +/-)
- BLM Land
- DNR Land



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