

Fishtrap Loop Trail

Decision Record

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United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Spokane District
Border Field Office
1103 N. Fancher
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

1. Background

The Border Field Office is proposing to construct approximately 8 miles of non-motorized loop trail on Bureau of Land Management lands, hereafter, called the Fishtrap Loop Trail, near Fishtrap Lake, approximately 30 miles southeast of Spokane, Washington.

2. Decision

I have decided to select the Proposed Action in the Fishtrap Loop Trail Environmental Assessment. My decision authorizes construction and maintenance of 8 miles of non-motorized loop trails in the Fishtrap Recreation Area in Lincoln County, WA. The loop trails would connect with two existing trailheads: Farmers Landing and Fishtrap Road. Two benches will be installed along the trail and provide resting and viewing areas. The trail difficulty will be easy to moderate with an average grade of 0.5%.

The trails will be a standard trail design of 16-30 inches width. Trail construction would occur by hand (preferred method) or machine depending on the specific project location, topographic and environmental constraints, the availability of volunteers and the availability of funding. Approximately 80 percent of the loop trail will follow existing two-track roads and livestock/wildlife trails.

The BLM will install educational and information signs at the trailheads and directional signs along the trail.

3. Authority



This decision is made in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as Amended.

4. Rationale

I have decided to select the proposed action because authorizing non-motorized loop trails will help to meet the demand for non-motorized recreational opportunities. This alternative conforms to the Spokane District Resource Management Plan (as amended) to provide recreational opportunities. As documented in the Finding of No Significant Impact, this action is not expected to result in significant effects to the environment.

5. Public Involvement

In December 2013, the BLM initiated public scoping on the proposed trail construction at the Fishtrap Recreation Area. The comments received were in support of the project.

The scoping document was also posted on the Spokane District Office's web page for review and comment.

6. Coordination and Consultation

The BLM has been closely coordinating activities in the Fishtrap Recreation Area with interested parties.

7. Protest and Appeal

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 CFR Part 4. Any appeal must be filed within 30 days of receipt of this decision. Any notice of appeal must be filed with Lindsay Babcock, Field Manager, Border Field Office, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane Valley, WA 99212.

The Notice of appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the IBLA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

/s/ Lindsey Babcock

07/14/2015

Lindsey Babcock
Field Manager

Date