

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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A. Background

BLM Office: Border Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: OR135-08-DNA-030

Proposed Action Title: Telford/Sandygren Birch Tree Planting

Location of Proposed Action: T24N R35E S4

T25N R35E S10

Description of Proposed Action: Container stock of birch and other riparian trees and shrubs will be planted in existing canary grass areas near springs. Planting holes will be dug with an auger approximately 2-feet deep. Site prep will include spraying with Round-up, disking and laying weed mat. Six-foot tall deer fencing will be constructed around the trees to protect from browsing.

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*): Whenever possible, management activities in habitat for endangered, threatened, or sensitive species would be designed specifically to benefit those species through habitat improvement. (Spokane Resource Management Plan, 1985, p 53)

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):

Vegetation Restoration Programmatic EA. EA#OR130-06-EA-001

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

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, planting riparian trees was part of the proposed action of EA#OR130-06-EA-001

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, there has been no change since the alternatives were developed for EA#OR130-06-EA-001

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, there has been no new information since EA#OR130-06-EA-001.

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, the impacts are similar to those presented in EA#OR130-06-EA-001

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

Yes, the project is not controversial and other agencies (WDFW) are involved as partners.

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>
Todd Baarstad	Restoration Biologist	WDFW

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/ June E. Hues _____ 10/17/08 _____
(Signature of Responsible Official) (Date)

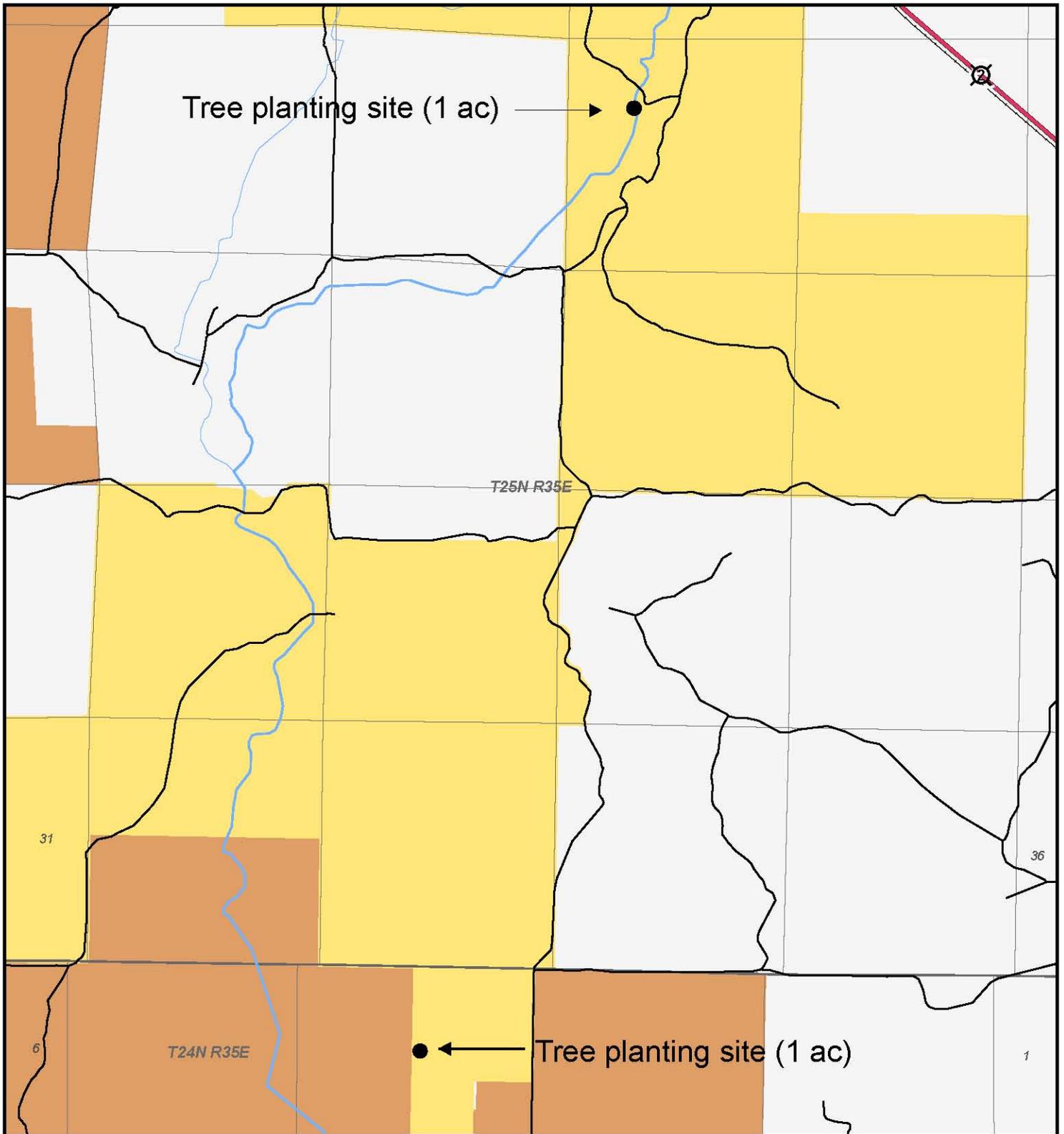
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G. Contact Person

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Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

Birch Tree Planting



● Two planting areas are shown.

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