

DECISION RECORD
Skamania Hazard Tree Removal
OR-134-2012-CX-0039
Bureau of Land Management
Wenatchee Field Office
915 N. Walla Walla Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Decision and Rationale on Action

It is my decision to authorize the Skamania Hazard Tree project as described in the attached document (DOI-BLM-OR-134-2012-0039-CX) and shown in the attached maps. These actions meet the need for action. In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that although there is no land use plan covering BLM lands in western Washington, land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.8 (b)(1)) state that a proposed action on such lands may be authorized, if supported by appropriate analysis..

There are no potential significant impacts to the human or natural environment that would result from implementing this project, as indicated in the attached Categorical Exclusion Documentation.

Implementation Date

This project will be implemented on or after November, 2012.

/s/ Linda Coates-Markle

11/05/2012

Linda Coates-Markle
Field Manager

Date

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

Any party that is adversely affected and determined to be a party to the case, may appeal the implementation of the proposed action to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the address in the letter head above) within 30 days of receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error.

An appellant may also file a petition for a stay (suspension) of this decision during the time that the appeal is being reviewed by the Board pursuant to Part 4, Subpart B, 43 CFR Part 4.21. The petition for a stay must accompany the notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show

sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must be submitted to each party named in this decision, to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, and the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) (see addresses below) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. The appellant has the burden of proof of demonstrating that a stay should be granted.

Office of the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region
U. S. Department of the Interior
805 SW Broadway, Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97205

Interior Board of Land Appeals Office of Hearings and Appeals
801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203.

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

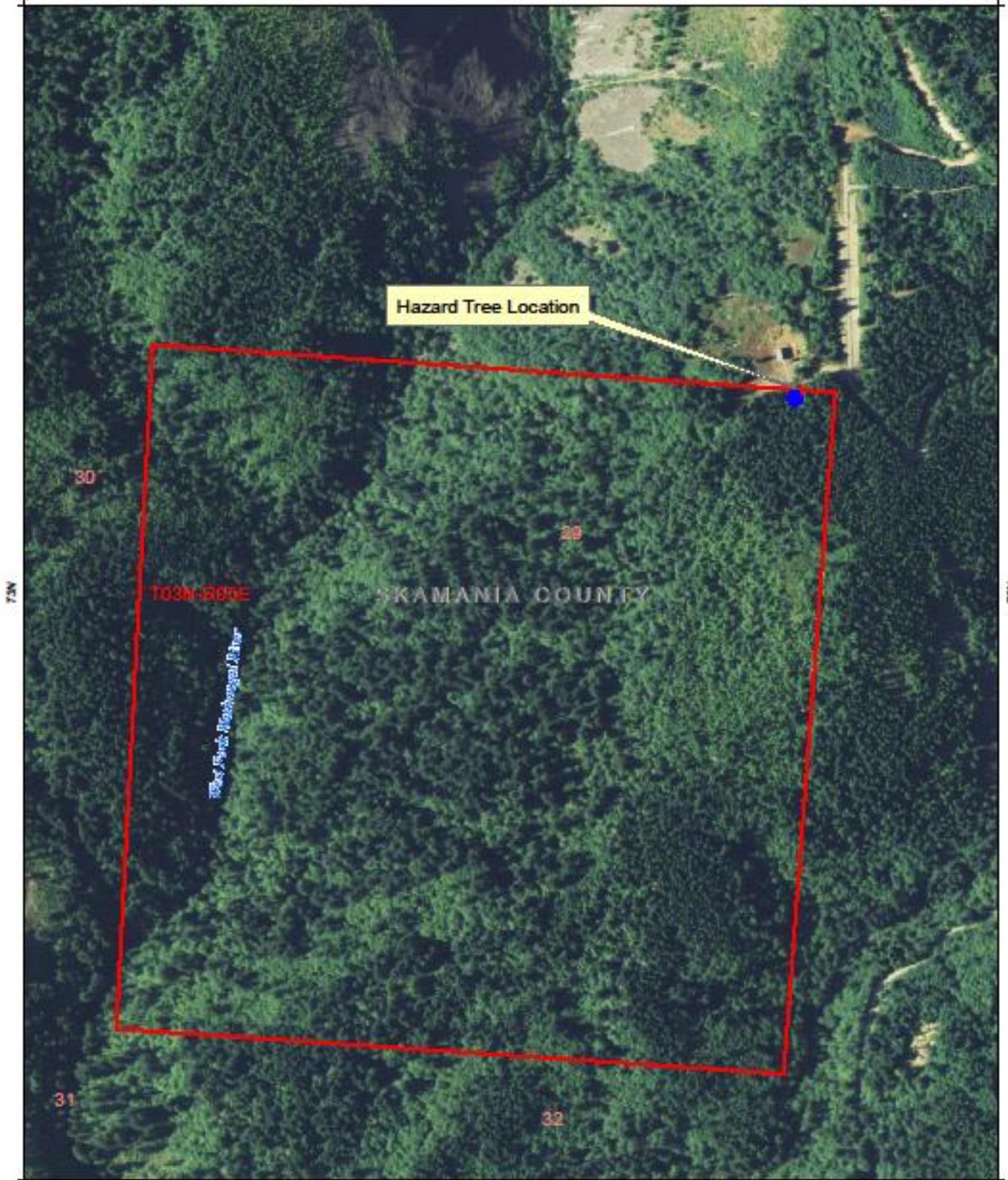
- (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (c) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Attachments: Categorical Exclusion Documentation
Project Area Maps

Skamania Hazard Trees



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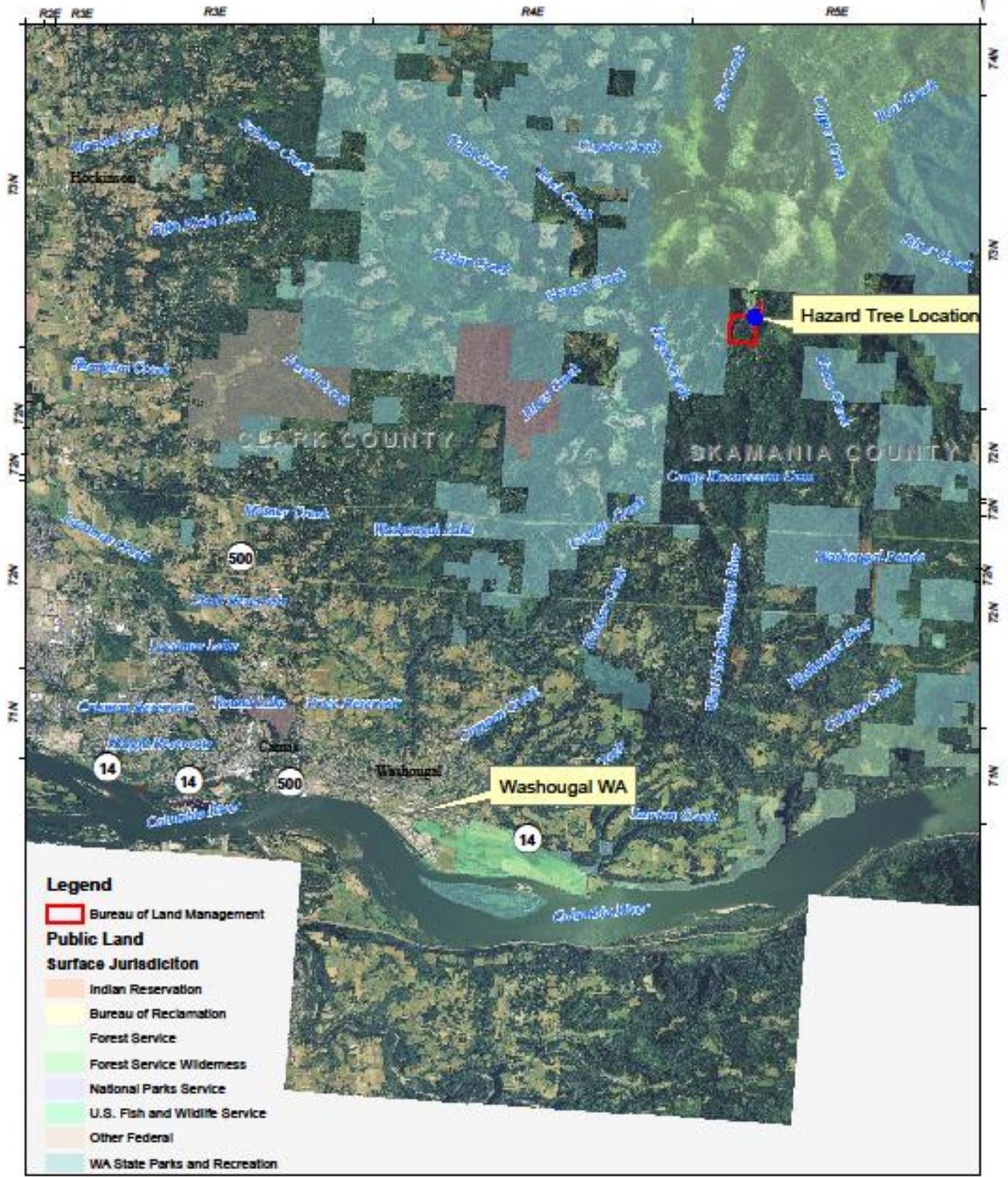
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Skamania Hazard Trees



Legend

- Bureau of Land Management
- Public Land**
- Surface Jurisdiction**
- Indian Reservation
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Forest Service
- Forest Service Wilderness
- National Parks Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Other Federal
- WA State Parks and Recreation
- WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Other State Government
- County or City Government
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources



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Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
1103 North Fancher Road
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-OR-134-2012-0039-CX

Proposed Action Title: Skamania County Hazard Tree Removal

Location of Proposed Action: SW¼ Section 29, T.3N., R.5E., WM, Skamania County

Description of Proposed Action: Remove six to twelve hazard trees (approx. 8" to 22" DBH) on a BLM parcel. The trees are located on the boundary with private land, and are within the 300' fire safety buffer for an adjacent residence. The 300' buffer was recommended by the Washington Department of Natural Resources as a fire safety buffer. Trees will be felled with low stumps, and removed through the adjacent private land. Hand cutting and piling will minimize ground disturbance.

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*): There is no land use plan covering BLM lands in western Washington. In accordance with land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.8 (b)(1)), a proposed action on such lands may be authorized, if supported by appropriate analysis.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with

516 DM 11.9.C (2) Sale and removal of individual trees or small groups of trees which are dead, diseased, injured, or which constitute a safety hazard, and where access for the removal requires no more than maintenance to existing roads.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed action was reviewed for potential impacts to species and habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act, and no impacts were identified. While designated critical habitat		

for the Northern Spotted Owl occurs in Skamania County, the proposed action would occur greater than seven miles outside the boundary of the nearest designated critical habitat unit (Southwest Washington Cascades). Additionally, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife records indicate that spotted owls are not known to occur within the project area.		
(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

/s/ Linda Coates-Markle

November 5, 2012

(Authorizing Official Signature)

(Date)

Name: Linda Coates-Markle

Title: Field Manager

G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Mark Williams, 509-665-2100

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.