

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SALEM DISTRICT**

Categorical Exclusion Review

I. BACKGROUND

BLM Office: Cascades Resource Area **Lease/Serial/Case File No:** N/A

Categorical Exclusion Number: DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2015-0012-CX

Date: 9/30/2015

Proposed Action Title/Type: Molalla River Trail Clean-up and Previous Dispersed Camping Site (Bobcat) Restoration

Location of Proposed Action: The Molalla River is located in Sections 13, 18-19, 30-32, T. 6 S., R 3 E., and Sections 5-8, 14-17, T. 7 S., R 3 E., Willamette Meridian. Clackamas County, Oregon.

Land Use Allocation(s): Late-Successional Reserve (LSR), General Forest Management Area (GFMA)

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Salem District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to authorize the Molalla River Watch to clean-up and restore the Molalla River Corridor from the Table Rock Fork to the Glen Avon Bridge through the SOLVE Adopt-A-River program. Activities include picking up trash along the road, river, and day-use trails and planting native tree, shrub or grass species in a former dispersed camping area (Bobcat). Additionally, the Clackamas County Dump Stoppers will assist the Molalla River Watch by parking their dump truck at Ivor Davies Wayside and providing another truck to help pick up trash throughout the day.

The volunteers will meet at Feyrer Park (Clackamas County Park) on Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. for registration. The volunteers will then disperse to the Molalla River to pick up trash along the road, river, and day-use trails. Approximately 40 volunteers are expected.

III. PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES

1. Re-vegetate with local native plant species. If the areas are being reseeded, use native certified weed free species mix.
2. The former dispersed camping area (Bobcat) will be planted using hand tools.
3. Volunteers will bring personal protective equipment (gloves, sturdy shoes, and appropriate clothing for the weather).
4. The proposed action will be documented under a volunteer agreement with the Molalla River Watch.

IV. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

Land Use Plan Name: *Salem District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (1995 RMP)*

Date Approved: March 1995

Date Amended: January 2001 by the *Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and Other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines*, dated January 2001 (SM/ROD) with subsequent Annual Species Reviews. These actions comply with the SM/ROD as described above and utilize the December 2003 species list. This list incorporates species changes and removals made as a result of the 2001, 2002, and 2003 Annual Species Reviews (ASR) with the exception of the red tree vole. Red tree vole in the mesic zone remains Survey and Manage Category C as defined in the SM/ROD.

This proposed action is also consistent with the 2011 Molalla River – Table Rock Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record (2011 DR). Environmental Assessment Number: DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2010-0003-EA

The proposed action is in conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Decision Record (DR) because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP and DR decision(s):

- Maintain and restore habitat to support well-distributed populations of native plant, invertebrate and vertebrate riparian-dependent species (1995 RMP, p. 6).
- Design and implement watershed restoration projects in a manner that promotes long-term ecological integrity of ecosystems, conserves the genetic integrity of native species, and attains Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives (1995 RMP p. 14).
- Cooperate with federal, state, local, and tribal agencies, and private landowners to develop watershed based coordinated resource management plans or other cooperative agreements to meet Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives (1995 RMP p. 14).

V. COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR Part 46, Section 46.210 (f) which allows for “Routine and continuing government business, including such things are supervision, administration, operation, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (*e.g.*, limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).”

A. Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. District personnel have reviewed the proposed action, and none of the 12 extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 (see Table 1, below) apply to the proposed action.

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Table 1: Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances Review (43 CFR 46.215)		
Will the Proposed Action documented in this Categorical Exclusion	Yes	No
<p>(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action will have positive impacts on public health or safety by removing trash from the recreation corridor. Therefore, there are no significant impacts on public health or safety.</p>		No
<p>(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, floodplains, national monuments, migratory birds, other ecologically significant or critical areas?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> No unique geographical characteristics area within the project area will be affected by this project. No unique historic or cultural resources would be impacted. Molalla River Clean-up and Restoration will beautify the recreation corridor for public land users by removing trash and planning vegetation.</p>		No
<p>(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2) (E)]?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The effects of this proposed action are not controversial and there are no unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.</p>		No
<p>(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action is not unique or unusual. The BLM has experience implementing similar actions in similar areas without highly controversial, highly uncertain, or unique or unknown risks.</p>		No
<p>(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> Implementation of proposed action does not set a precedent for future actions that may have significant effects, nor does it represent a decision in principle about a future consideration. See (d), above.</p>		No
<p>(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> There are no cumulative effects associated with the proposed action; therefore there are no significant cumulative effects as a result of these actions.</p>		No
<p>(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> There are no significant impacts to properties listed for eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>		No

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<p>(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?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed would have no significant impact 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.</p>		No
<p>(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action will follow all known Federal, State, or local or Tribal laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.</p>		No
<p>(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action will not to have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations. No effects on population will occur.</p>		No
<p>(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)?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action will have no effect on access or use of sacred sites. The proposed action will not take place in any known sacred sites located within Salem District BLM land.</p>		No
<p>(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)?</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> The proposed action will not introduce or spread noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of such species.</p>		No

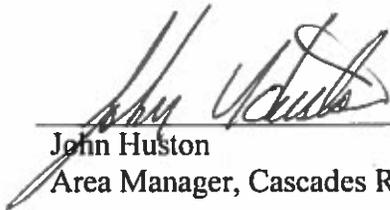
VI. SIGNATURE:

Specialist Review and Concurrence: None required or

Review Required	Review Not Required	Resource	Name	Initial
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Botany	Terry Fennell	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRSA		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Realty		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife		

Contact Person: For additional information concerning this CX review; contact Rodrigo Arellano, NEPA Coordinator, Cascades Resource Area, BLM Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, 97306, (503) 375-5632.

Authorized Official:



 John Huston
 Area Manager, Cascades Resource Area

Date: 10/6/15

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Decision Record

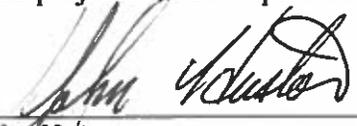
Decision and Rationale on Action

I have decided to authorize Molalla River Watch to implement the Molalla River Clean-up & Restoration.

I have reviewed the attached categorical exclusion review (CX# DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2015-0012-CX). The proposed action is in conformance with the 1995 RMP. None of the 12 extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46, Section 46.215 (see Table 1, above) apply to the proposed action. Based on the attached categorical exclusion review, I have determined that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

Implementation Date

This project will be implemented on or after 9/30/2015



John Huston
Area Manager, Cascades Resource Area

10/6/15
Date

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

Individuals have the right to appeal this decision to the BLM Cascades Field Manager and thereafter appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations of 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4. A notice of appeal and/or request for stay must be on paper. To appeal this decision, it must be filed in writing to John Huston, Field Manager, Cascades Resource Area, Salem District BLM, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR, 97306.

Contact Person

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