

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Medford District, Ashland Resource Area

Howard Prairie Campground South Loop Salvage DOI-BLM-ORWA-M0600-2016-001-DNA

A. Location of the Proposed Action:

The proposed authorized area is located along the south loop of the Howard Prairie County Park in T. 38 S., R. 3 E., NE ¼ of Section 25.

Description of the Proposed Action:

The Ashland Resource Area of the Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to remove 28 trees (approximately 5,000 board feet) along the south loop of the Howard Prairie County Park Campground to facilitate restroom upgrades and campground maintenance following damage from a series of warm storm systems that passed through the area in February 2015.

The proposed action will incorporate all appropriate project design features (PDFs) included in the *Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Decision Record for the Howard-Hyatt Road/Campground Clearing and Hazard Tree Removal* (DOI-BLM-OR-M060-2015-0014-CX) (USDI 2015).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: *Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP).*

Date Approved: June 1995

The Proposed Action is in compliance with the 1995 Medford District Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Proposed Action is consistent with Medford District Integrated Weed Management Plan Environmental Assessment (1998) and tiered to the Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program (EIS, 1985) and the 2001 ROD and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the direction given for the management of public lands in the Medford District by the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, the Clean Water Act of 1987, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (as amended 1986 and 1996), Clean Air Act, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

USDI Bureau of Land Management. 2015. *Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Decision Record for the Howard-Hyatt Road/Campground Clearing and Hazard Tree Removal* (DOI-BLM-OR-M060-2015-0014-CX). Medford District Office, Medford, Oregon.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action within the same analysis area of the previously analyzed project? The *Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Decision Record for the Howard-Hyatt Road/Campground Clearing and Hazard Tree Removal* (Hyatt-Howard CX) analyzed tree removal for campground maintenance following the February 2015 storms. This site specific action is in response to the need for campground maintenance, hazard tree removal and upgrades following storm damage. The project design features and project design criteria required under the above referenced CX (USDI 2014, pp. 3-5) are included in this project.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values? The range of alternatives analyzed in the Hyatt-Howard CX is appropriate with respect to the current proposed action because it meets the specific purposes discussed. The Ashland Resource Area has not received any new environmental concerns or interest since the decision was signed in March 2015.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances? This project is consistent with the suite of activities analyzed in the above referenced CX. The interdisciplinary team planning and overseeing the implementation of this site-specific project reviewed the anticipated effects of this project against those documented in the above-referenced Hyatt-Howard CX and found the existing analysis to be valid for this proposed action.

Areas proposed for treatment have been reviewed by the BLM botanist, wildlife biologist, and fisheries biologist. PDFs have been incorporated into the project to protect listed, or proposed to be listed species and their habitats.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA documents continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action? The interdisciplinary team approach was used in evaluating the proposed action. The present methodology continues to be appropriate, because the action is the same.

5. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the current proposed action similar to those identified in the existing NEPA documents? The interdisciplinary team planning and overseeing the implementation of this site-specific project reviewed the anticipated effects of this project against those documented in the above referenced Hyatt-Howard CX and the effects disclosed are the same as those identified and analyzed. No new information or circumstances would affect the predicted environmental impacts as stated in the above referenced CX.

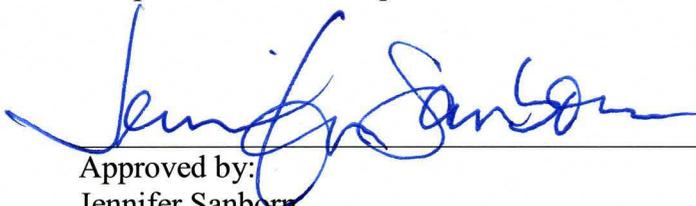
6. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action? In March 2015, the BLM posted the *Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Decision Record for the Howard-Hyatt Road/Campground Clearing and Hazard Tree Removal* to the Medford District planning website and sent copies of the CX to interested publics. A 15-day protest period followed the publication of the CX. No protests were received.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: This worksheet was distributed to the appropriate members of the Ashland Resource Area Interdisciplinary Team for review and input.

F. Mitigation Measures: Project Design Features (PDFs), discussed in Section A above, are included as part of the proposed action for the purpose of reducing or eliminating anticipated adverse environmental impacts.

CONCLUSION

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



Approved by:
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10/16/15
Date