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DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2014-0001-EA

District ERFO Road Repair Environmental Assessment

## **Decision Record for DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2016-0001-DNA**

### **Background**

The Coos Bay District Bureau of Land Management (BLM), previously prepared the District ERFO Road Repair Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2014-0001-EA) which contained analysis of the effects of soil nailing to repair failed slope embankments that were exposed and prone to continued failure, as well as analysis of a no action alternative. This Environmental Assessment (EA), which is incorporated by reference, resulted in a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) signed April 4, 2012. The action as described in DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2016-0001-DNA proposes to repair failed road sections using soil nailing. This proposed project is of like action and similar design to that analyzed in the District ERFO Road Repair EA.

### **Decision**

It is my decision to implement the proposed road repairs on Old Blue Road, Blue Ridge Road, and South Blue Ridge Road, Middle Creek Road, West Fork Brummit Creek Road, Weaver-Sitkum Road, Big Creek Road, and Lower Signal Tree Road. The design features and actions of this project and the anticipated environmental consequences are essentially the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

### **Conformance and Compliance**

The BLM reviewed the proposed road repairs and determined it is consistent with the 1995 Coos Bay District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (1995 ROD/RMP). The analysis supporting this decision tiers to the 1994 Final Coos Bay District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. This 1995 Record of Decision is also supported by, and consistent with, the 1994 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its associated Record of Decision.

This proposed action is in conformance with the Coos Bay District RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following decisions.

- Develop and maintain a transportation system that serves the needs of users in an environmentally sound manner (RMP p. 69) by:
  - The BLM will accomplish this by locating, designing, constructing, and maintaining roads to standards that meet management objectives in accordance with the District road management plan (RMP p. 70); and
  - Following Best Management Practices for water quality and soil productivity to mitigate adverse effects on soils, water quality, fish, and riparian habitat during road construction and maintenance (RMP p. 70).
- Provide and maintain a cost-effective transportation system (TMP p. 11) by:
  - Reducing maintenance costs by maintaining [roads] to the appropriately assigned Maintenance Intensity (TMP p. 11).

- Ensuring that the infrastructure is maintained in a suitable fashion that supports the Bureau’s mission effectively and efficiently (TMP p. 10).
- Prevent watershed degradation—rather than using mitigation or planned restoration—to correct foreseeable problems caused by management activities (RMP p. 25).

This project also complies with the Oregon and California Lands Act (O&C Act) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and the BLM Special Status Species Program. The EA and FONSI analyzed the selected alternative and found no significant impacts that would require the development of an EIS.

### **Public Involvement**

Scoping for the District ERFO Road Repair EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2014-0001-EA) occurred from November 8, 2013 to November 22, 2013. The BLM informed the public of the EA and FONSI through a direct notification on April 4, 2014. The BLM received no comments on the EA and no protests on the Decision.

### **Decision Rationale**

The Coos Bay District resource specialists reviewed the proposed action and all appropriate project Design Features, as specified in the DNA Worksheet, will be incorporated into the proposal. Based on this review, I have determined that the proposed action is adequately analyzed in the existing NEPA document EA DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2014-0001-EA and is in conformance with the Coos Bay RMP; no further analysis is required.

### **Signature of Authorizing Official**

*/s/ Patricia M. Burke*

*February 1, 2016*

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Patricia M. Burke  
Coos Bay District Manager

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Date

### **Administrative Remedies:**

The decision described in this document is a forest management decision and is subject to protest by the public. In accordance with Forest Management Regulations under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 Administrative Remedies, protests of this decision may be filed with the authorized officer, Patricia Burke, within 15 days of the publication date of the notice of decision/timber sale advertisement in The World newspaper, Coos Bay, Oregon.

43 CFR 5003.3(b) states: “Protests shall be filed with the authorized officer and would contain a written statement of reasons for protesting the decision.” This precludes the acceptance of electronic mail (email) or facsimile (fax) protests. Only written and signed hard copies of protests that are delivered to the Coos Bay district office will be accepted.

The protest must clearly and concisely state which portion or element of the decision is being protested and the reasons why the decision is believed to be in error.

43 CFR 5003.3(c) states: “Protests received more than 15 days after the publication of the notice of decision or the notice of sale are not timely filed and shall not be considered.” Upon timely filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the project decision to be implemented in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information. The authorized officer shall, at the conclusion of the review, serve the protest decision in writing to the protesting party(ies). Upon denial of a protest, the authorized officer may proceed with the implementation of the decision as permitted by regulations under 5003.3(f).

If no protest is received by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) within 15 days after publication of the decision notice, this decision will become final. If a timely protest is received, the project decision will be reconsidered in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available, and the Coos Bay district office will issue a protest decision.

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