

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville Field Office

NEPA Log #: DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2016-0018-CX

Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #s: OR 62463

Proposed Action Title: Proposed assignment of road right-of-way OR 62463/Longview Ranch LLC.

Location:

The subject ROW is 5 miles southwest of Kimberly, Oregon and is located within BLM land described as:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T.10S., R.25E., sec. 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 7, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 21, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 33, E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
T.11S., R.25E., sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 5, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Description of the Proposed Action: The BLM proposes approving an assignment from Prairie Wood Products to Longview Ranch LLC for an existing road ROW. Such ROW gives the Applicant the legal right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate an access road that crosses BLM administered lands. The ROW roadway is 60,720 feet long by 15 feet wide (approximately 21 acres). The ROW was granted for a term of 30 years that will expire on December 31, 2037. The road provides legal access to private property to allow the private property owners to harvest and haul timber. The roads are single lane gravel and native surface roads.

No additional rights would be conveyed and no new disturbances would occur as a result of the assignment of the ROW.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: John Day Resource Management Plan Date approved (ROD): April, 2015.

The proposed action is in conformance with the above plan because it is specifically provided for in the following land use plan decisions. See ROD/RMP Page 122 which provides Objective LR-2: "Maintain the availability of public lands for utility and transportation corridors and local rights-of-way".

C. Compliance with NEPA

The assignment of the ROW under the proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 516 11.9, E. Realty, subparts "(9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations."

The above noted 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 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Signature

I have considered this proposed action to assign the grant of the ROW and have found that this action has no significant affect either individually or cumulatively on the human environment.

Responsible official: H.F. "Chip" Paver 1.27.16
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