

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

OFFICE: Upper Willamette Field Office

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-ORWA-E060-2016-0007-CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER:

PROJECT NAME: Shotgun Maintenance Yard Fence Improvements

LOCATION/LLEGAL DESCRIPTION: Shotgun Park Maintenance Yard (T15S, R01W, Sec. 31)

A. Description of Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The BLM is proposing to improve the fence around the Shotgun Park Maintenance Yard to improve security and safety. Improvements include installation of barbed wire along the top of the existing fence as well as installation of an electric gate operator on the vehicle access gate.

Currently, barbed wire is only located along a portion of the fence and is in poor condition. Installation of barbed wire would require the removal of the existing barbed wire, installation and replacement of barbed wire support arms, and installation of three (3) strands of barbed wire to the top of the existing fence. The existing fence is approximately 600 feet long.

Installation of the electric gate operator would include trenching for approximately 250 feet of conduit and placement of concrete pads for the operator and connected controllers. Conduits would be run from the maintenance barn to the vehicle gate. The excavation is expected to be contained within the existing maintenance yard and driveway. Excavations would likely be completed with a backhoe or small excavator due to the existing bituminous and gravel surface.

All work would be completed under contract and would be expected to take approximately 10-14 days to complete. It is anticipated that work would begin between July 15 and September 1, 2016.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended. Date Approved: June 1995.

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions:

Various types of administrative actions will require special attention beyond the scope of this plan. Administrative actions are the day-to-day transactions required to serve the public and to provide optimum use of the resources. These actions are in conformance with the plan. They include, but are not limited to:

- facility maintenance

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR 46.210(f) "Routine and continuing

government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g. , limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).”

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 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Signature

Signature of Project Lead:

/s/ Evan Wernecke
Evan Wernecke, Civil Engineer

Date: March 2, 2016

Signature of NEPA Coordinator:

/s/ Kristine Struck
Kristine Struck, Upper Willamette Field Office

Date: March 2, 2016

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/ William O’Sullivan
William O’Sullivan,
Upper Willamette Field Manager
Eugene District

Date: March 2, 2016

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact: Evan Wernecke, Civil Engineer, phone: (541)683-6778. Email: ewerneck@blm.gov

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CHECKLIST

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Review the proposed action against each of the 12 “extraordinary circumstances” listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p>1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <u>Rationale:</u> Proposed improvements to the existing gate at the Shotgun Maintenance facility would have no significant impact to public health or safety. The existing facility is an administrative site not open to the public. Proposed improvements would help secure the site from theft and trespass.</p>		X
<p>2. 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. <u>Rationale:</u> The project is not located near any special features or designations. If any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) is discovered during project activities all operations in the immediate area of such discovery would be suspended until an evaluation of the discovery can be made by a professional archaeologist to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values.</p>		X
<p>3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. <u>Rationale:</u> There are no controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. Installation of barbed wire along the top of the existing fence and installation of a mechanized gate operator would contribute to the overall security of the site.</p>		X
<p>4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <u>Rationale:</u> There are no highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects nor are unique or unknown environmental risks from this installation. The 250 feet of trench to be dug would occur on previously disturbed ground in an area that is part of the existing Shotgun Park infrastructure. Addition of barbed wire to the tops of security fences is a common feature with no unknown or potentially significant effects.</p>		X
<p>5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> Completion of the fence improvement project would not set precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. The project would improve overall security of the maintenance facility.</p>		X
<p>6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> There would be no individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. No other activities beyond normal operations are planned for this location.</p>		X

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p>7. 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. <u>Rationale:</u> There are no known properties listed or eligible for listing in the project area.</p>		X
<p>8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as an Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species. <u>Rationale:</u> Since only lands within existing facilities would be directly affected, there would be no habitat modification associated with the action. Critical habitat would not be affected. The timing, amount, and duration of disturbance would not adversely affect federal listed species.</p>		X
<p>9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <u>Rationale:</u> There will be no violation of State, local or tribal laws.</p>		X
<p>10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898). <u>Rationale:</u> There will be no effect on low income or minority populations. Improvements are to be made to an existing facility.</p>		X
<p>11. 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). <u>Rationale:</u> There are no Indian sacred sites in the project area; the project would not limit access to any such sites.</p>		X
<p>12. 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). <u>Rationale:</u> This action would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species. The action would include digging a trench on previously disturbed areas where existing weeds are currently controlled using manual maintenance methods; manual maintenance of weeds will continue in this area. All work would occur within the existing Shotgun Park maintenance yard and driveway. Fence improvements would not contribute to the spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.</p>		X

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DECISION RECORD
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Decision

It is my decision to implement this action as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-ORWA-E060-2016-0007-CX.

Decision Rationale

The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM staff. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (as amended). Based on the Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

Administrative Remedies

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/ William O'Sullivan
William O'Sullivan
Upper Willamette Field Manager
Eugene District

Date: March 2, 2016