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### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) PARADISE CREEK WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #OR-125-05-06

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The United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District (BLM), has prepared the Paradise Creek Watershed Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (EA), which analyzes the potential impacts of aquatic restoration activities on up to approximately 14 stream miles on both public and private lands in the Paradise Creek watershed. The purpose of the project is to restore habitat for aquatic species through the placement of logs, whole trees, boulders and gravel in stream reaches that have been degraded by land management activities and fire.

The EA evaluates the environmental elements impacted by the restoration work, as well as the expected outcome of the structure placements. The EA also describes the project design features that will be incorporated in order to minimize the potential for adverse environmental harm to occur during the projects.

#### **Background**

The Coos Bay District (CBD) of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is under the direction of the *Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan (RMP)*, as supplemented and amended and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and its' Record of Decision (ROD) (BLM, 1995). The RMP and its' ROD are in conformance with the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl* and its ROD (Northwest Forest Plan [NWFP]) as supplemented and amended (Interagency, 1994).

Activity resulting from the proposed action would be subject to State of Oregon Administrative Rule No. 340-108, *Oil and Hazardous Materials Spills and Releases*, which specifies the reporting requirements, cleanup standards and liability that attaches to a spill or release or threatened spill or release involving oil or hazardous substances. In addition, the Coos Bay District Hazardous Materials Contingency Plan and Spill Plan for Riparian Operations apply when applicable to operations where a release threatens to reach surface waters or is in excess of reportable quantities.

## **Finding of No Significant Impact**

A careful review of the EA, which I herein adopt, indicates that there will not be a significant impact on the quality of the human environment from the implementation of the Proposed Action. I agree with this conclusion and determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared. This determination is based on consideration of the following factors:

1. The proposed activities will occur in localized areas within the boundaries of the Coos Bay District. The proposed activities are not national or regional in scope.
2. The proposed activities will not significantly affect public health and safety. Best Management Practices incorporating spill kits and containment plans as described in the EA will minimize the risk to water quality. In addition, notifications in the event of a release threatening waterways are to be made in accordance with the BLM Coos Bay District Riparian Spill Plan, and Oregon DEQ Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-108, Oil and Hazardous Materials Spills and Releases.
3. The proposed activities will not have an impact on unique characteristics of the geographic area such as energy development, air quality, prime unique farmlands, environmental justice/native American trust resources, wild & scenic rivers/wilderness, Port Orford cedar, or special status areas. The project area is located on previously disturbed sites and utilizing the project design features would help to ensure minimal impacts to the natural environment.
4. The effects on the quality of the human environment of the proposed activities are not highly controversial.
5. The possible effects of the proposed activity on the quality of the human environment are not highly uncertain and do not involve unique or unknown risk.
6. The proposed project does not establish a precedent for actions with future significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration.
7. There are no significant cumulative effects identified by this assessment.
8. The proposed activity will not affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Nor will it cause a loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.
9. The project will fully comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended.
10. The project is consistent with the conservation needs of Special Status Species (SSS) and will not contribute to the need to list any SSS, either under the provisions of the ESA or other provisions of the manual (BLM Manual 6840.02).
11. There are no irreversible or irretrievable resource commitments identified by this assessment.
12. The proposed activity will not violate Federal, State, or local laws imposed for the protection of the environment.

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