

## DECISION RECORD

**EA LOG #:** DOI-BLM-OR-L050-2010-0008-EA  
**Project Name:** Miners Draw Quarry – BLM Free Use Permit  
**Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview, Oregon  
**Address:** 1301 South G Street  
Lakeview, OR 97630  
**County:** Lake  
**BLM Office:** Lakeview District

### Decision

The following is the decision of the Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview Resource Area (BLM):

Issue a free use permit to the BLM to develop and utilize a quarry covering approximately 14 acres of public land at Miners Draw, north of Plush, Oregon, as described in Alternative 1 and Map 2 of the environmental assessment. The quarry is expected to produce up to 100,000 cubic yard of rock material over a 10-year operating lifetime. The BLM will also improve the existing access road (Road 6175-00) and restrict access to the quarry area by constructing a fence around the perimeter and placing a locked gate at the entrance to promote public safety and prevent mineral material theft.

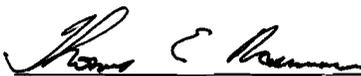
### Rationale

The quarry site is needed for upgrading the existing Sunstone Area Roads (6155-00 and 6115-00) and for routine maintenance and repairs of BLM roads in the general area of North Warner Valley. Developing this new quarry will provide suitable rock surfacing material for BLM roads in the area, and would provide a substantial savings to the BLM and the taxpayer in terms of less wear and tear on maintenance vehicles and lower hauling costs. It would also allow the BLM to respond more quickly to emergency road repair needs and maintain or improve public access and safety in the area.

The project is consistent with multiple use directives in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 ( Section 102), the Minerals Leasing Act of 1920, and the Mining and Materials Policy Act of 1970. The project is also consistent with management goals and direction in the Lakeview Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision. Specifically, Energy and Mineral Management Goal 3 provides for meeting the demands for salable minerals by local, state, and Federal agencies and the public (page 91). The project area is open to salable mineral material disposal (Map M-8). The proposed road improvements, weed monitoring, quarry construction, and site rehabilitation actions are also consistent with the Road Management Direction (page 99), Best Management Practices (associated with road maintenance, surface disturbing activities, and mining; Appendix D, pages A-2 to A-6), noxious weed management (pages 37-38; Appendix D, page A-6; and Appendix G, page A-165) and site rehabilitation direction (Table L2-1, pages A-170 to A-171).

### Public Involvement Opportunities

The EA and FONSI were made available for a 30-day comment period. During that time no comment letters were received.



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Date