

Finding of No Significant Impact
Wilson Road RoW
Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2011-0010-EA)

I have reviewed the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for significance (40 CFR 1508.27) and have determined the actions analyzed in the Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2011-0010-EA) would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This finding was made by considering both the context and intensity of the potential effects, as described in the above EA, using the following factors defining significance:

1) *Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.*

The Proposed Action would result in the direct removal of approximately 5-acres of upland habitat, but would decommission the old Wilson Road and reestablish 5-acres of high quality riparian habitat (EA sections 3.1.2). There would be a direct but insignificant short term effect on wildlife (EA Section 3.4.1). There could be a direct short term, adverse impact on water quality in Goodrich Creek, but would result in long term water quality improvement (EA section 3.3.1).

2) *The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.*

No adverse effects to public health were identified in the EA.

3) *Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.*

No major effects on unique characteristics are identified in the EA. No adverse effects on cultural or historical resources, parklands, prime farmlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas were identified in the EA (EA Section 3.0).

4) *The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.*

The analysis identified no controversy or substantial disagreement regarding the effects on the quality of the human environment from implementing the proposed action.

5) *The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.*

The preferred alternative selected in the proposed action is well understood and practiced by many county, federal, state, and private entities.

6) *The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects, or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.*

The proposed action is independent of all other actions, and does not represent a commitment of BLM resources beyond that described in the Environmental Assessment.

7) *Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.*

There would be no significant cumulative impacts associated with the proposed action (EA section 3.6.2).

- 8) ***The degree to which the action may adversely affect properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.***

The analysis determined the proposed action would not result in a significant adverse effect to cultural or historic resources (EA, Section 3.5.2.2).

- 9) ***The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.***

The analysis showed that no endangered or threatened species occur in the project area (EA Section 3.2).

- 10) ***Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, and local laws, or requirements imposed for protection of the environment.***

The action does not threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law, or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable Land Use Plan and all State and Federal statutes (EA sections 1.4 and 1.5).

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